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TITLE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Referred to Naval Investigative Service

[redacted] The NAACP established in 1909, is a national inter-racial organization composed of 350 local branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states with headquarters in New York City. Its aim is to secure full citizenship rights for the negro by legal and other recognized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestation of alleged discriminations. The publicity organ of NAACP is the "Crisis", a monthly publication. Indication of increased communist tendencies among some local branches and officers. The various local connections with the communist party and other communist controlled organizations determine extent of subversive activities NAACP may be engaged in.

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It will be noted that the title of this case was formerly carried as "League for the Advancement of Colored Race." During the course of investigation in this case it was established that the correct name of this organization is "The National Association for

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

According to a newspaper clipping from the Washington Star dated February 23, 1934, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was organized following the race riot of 1908 at Springfield, Illinois. WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING suggested an organization for the protection of the colored race. A call was sent out by OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD. Among those responding were JANE ADDAMS, LILLIAN D. WALD, JOHN DEWEY, Rabbi STEPHEN WISE, and SAMUEL BOWLES.

On Lincoln's birthday, 1909, a Committee of Forty was formed for carrying out the purposes of the organization. In 1934 the NAACP had three hundred seventy-five branches and a membership of about eighty thousand. In 1911 the NAACP declared through its organ, the "Crisis" that it is an organization of persons who believ that the present prejudice against colored races and particularly

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the denial of rights and opportunities to millions of Americans of negro descent is not only unjust and a menace to our free institution but also is a direct hindrance to world peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

At this time its methods of accomplishing its purposes were stated as:

1. A lecture bureau.
2. A bureau of legal assistance.
3. A bureau of information.
4. A bureau of publicity and research.

In the second annual report of the NAACP dated January 1, 1912, which is on file in the Library of Congress, its purposes were stated as follows:

"The NAACP seeks to uplift the colored man and woman of this country by securing to them the full enjoyment of their rights as citizens. Justice in all courts and equality of opportunity everywhere. It favors and aims to aid every kind of education among them save that which teaches special privilege or prerogative class or caste. It recognizes the national character of the negro problem and no sectionalism. It believes in the upholding of the Constitution of the United States and its administration in the spirit of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. It upholds the doctrine of 'all men up and no man down.' It abhors negro crime but still more the conditions which breed crime and most of all the crimes committed in the mockery of the law. It believes that the scientific truths of the negro problem must be available before the country can see its way clear to righting existing wrongs. It has no other belief than the best way to uplift the colored man is the best way to aid the white man to peace and social content; it has no other desire than exact justice, and no other motive than humanity."

Today the NAACP states that full citizenship rights for the negro is the rock upon which it is established. It claims to be an international organization, membership in which is open to all who believe in equality of mankind. The association has 350 branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states. The national headquarters is at 69 5th Avenue, New York City.

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The NAACP today states its aims:

Present aims [illegible]

1. The end of lynching
2. The ending of disfranchisement
3. The abolition of injustice in legal procedure based solely upon color or race.
4. Equitable distribution of funds for public education.
5. Abolition of segregation and discrimination, insult and in humiliation based upon race or color.
6. Equality of opportunity to work in all fields with equal pay for equal work.
7. Abolition of discrimination against negroes in the right of collective bargaining through membership in organized labor unions.
8. The ending of peonage and the debt slavery of southern sharecroppers and tenant farmers.
9. Abolition of segregation in the Army and Navy. (~~It will be noted that this is a new aim which has only recently~~ appeared as ~~one~~ of the stated ends ~~of the NAACP~~.)

According to its own statement the principal achievements of the NAACP have been:

"1. A continuous war on lynching by writing, lecturing, mass demonstrations and the fights for the passage of the Dyer anti-lynching bill in 1922 and the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill in 1934 and 1935. The campaign led by the NAACP resulted in the passage of the Gavagan anti-lynching bill in the House on April 15, 1937, by a vote of 277-119. The bill was taken up November 15, 1937, at the special session and debated for six days, when it was displaced by the farm bill. By agreement, it came up for debate January 6, 1938, and from that date to February 21, southern senators engineered a lengthy filibuster which resulted in the bill's being laid aside. The filibuster cost American taxpayers $460,000. The bill was reintroduced in the 76th Congress in January, 1939, being sponsored in the House by Representative JOSEPH A. GAVAGAN, and in the Senate by Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER, FREDERICK VAN NUYS and ARTHUR CAPPER.

2. The NAACP has won twelve out of thirteen cases before the highest court of the land. It has won the following U.S. supreme court decisions aiding colored people: Grandfather Clause disfranchising

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Negroes declared unconstitutional in 1915; Louisville Residential Segregation ordinanace held unconstitutional in 1917: Arkansas sharecropper riot victims freed (12 from death, 67 from long term and life imprisonment) when trial in mob-dominated court was held not due process of law in 1923; Texas white primary law barring Negroes by statute from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1927; New Orleans segregation law held unconstitutional in 1927; Texas white primary law (second case) barring Negroes by enabling act from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1932. These memorable victories were achieved at the remarkably low cost of $31,193.92, largely due to generosity of members of the national legal staff and other lawyers who contributed their services.

In the JESS HOLLINS case arising in Oklahoma, which was won by the association before the U. S. supreme court in 1935, the opinion of the court in the Scottsboro cases was sustained: That HOLLINS had been convicted by a jury from which Negroes had been systematically excluded. A similar decision was obtained in 1937 when a new trial was secured for JOE HALE, convicted by an all-white jury in McCracken County, Kentucky.

On December 12, 1938, the supreme court ruled in the case of GAINES vs. University of Missouri that the University of Missouri must either admit LLOYD GAINES, a Negro student, to its law school, or the state of Missouri must provide equal accommodations for the training of Negro graduate and professional students. The court held that out-of-state scholarships did not answer the constitutional requirement of equal rights and that states must provide equal training within their borders.

In 1937, the association secured a re-trial as a result of the United States supreme court decision in the case of ED BROWN, HENRY SHIELDS and YANK ELLINGTON, Negro sharecroppers who were convicted of murder by the supreme court of Mississippi in the death of RAYMOND STEWART, April 4, 1934. The United States supreme court decision was based on the fact that the only evidence against these three men was procured through coercion and brutality. The court held unanimously "The rack and torture chamber may not be substituted for the witness chair."

The latest victory was won on May 22, 1939 when the United States supreme court ruled in the case of LANE vs. WILSON that the

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Oklahoma registration law discriminating against Negroes was invalid. Mr. Justice FRANKFURTER, speaking for the court about the Fifteenth Amendment stated: 'The amendment nullifies sophisticated as well as simple-minded modes of discrimination.'

3. It was the first national organization to raise the question of the right of Negroes to sit on juries in the Arkansas sharecropper case, 1919-1923.

4. With a group of other national organizations, the NAACP is a member of the joint national Scottsboro Defense Committee which is carrying on the fight to free the world's most famous defendants.

5. It launched and has continued the fight to abolish the system of lily-white Democratic primaries in the South. The association believes that free and independent use of the ballot is the right of every citizen in America.

6. In 1932 it twice investigated slave labor conditions on the Mississippi levees and won increases of $100,000 weekly for 25,000 Negro workers, shorter hours and better conditions. Similar efforts were made in connection with other great public works such as Boulder Dam and TVA. TVA was investigated in 1938 and the evidence of discrimination against Negroes was presented to the joint committee of the U. S. Congress investigating TVA.

7. It has everywhere fought school segregation and discrimination in the allotment of educational monies to Negro schools. Lawyers for the association secured a ruling by the Maryland court of Appeals in January, 1936, which opened the doors of the University of Maryland law school to Negro students. This fight is being continued in Maryland where the third Negro was admitted in 1939. Similar cases are to be filed in Tennessee and Missouri.

The campaign to equalize the salaries of Negro and white teachers has spread to Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. As the result of two court cases, salaries have been equalized in nine out of twenty-three counties in Maryland, which means an additional $100,000 a year on the pay checks of Maryland school teachers. One additional case is pending in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland, and another in the federal court in Maryland.

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8. Under the New Deal it fought at great expense all sorts of discrimination against Negro workers and persons on relief under the NRA, PWA, WPA, etc.

9. It has fought discrimination against Negroes in both federal and state civil service and is continuing its fight against discrimination in organized labor."

achievements

According to information received from the local branch of the NAACP at 1011 U Street, N.W., by reporting agent under suitable pretext, the various local branches of the organization operate in the following way:

When trouble is spotted or information sought, the local office is notified. The trouble-spotter or information-seeker reports to a full time clerk. By a regular system the secretary of the branch refers the matter to an appropriate committee--Legal, Labor, Education, or Youth. The Press Committee sees that the reading public is aroused; the Entertainment Committee provides fund raising and continual activities. The works of the branch are dove-tailed by a very alert Executive Committee fully representative of the groups which pay for the branch's operations.

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So it would appear that the NAACP is divided itself between the conservative approach to the negro program as advanced by BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, and the more radical program advocated by W. E. B. DUBOIS.

A review of the Bureau files on the NAACP indicates that prior to 1935 a concerted effort was made to keep politics out of the organization but since about the middle of 1935 increasing communistic tendencies are noticeable among minor local branches in the national administration of the NAACP. In July, 1938, the NAACP went on record at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, as saying that in the future it would cooperate with other groups on specific issues. It is known that the NAACP has allied itself with the National Negro Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the American People's Mobilization and other communist front organizations on specific issues in several respects.

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Furthermore, it is apparent from the investigation conducted in this case that any subversive or un-American activities which the NAACP may be engaged in are determined for the most part by the local relationship of its various branches with the local communistic element.

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The NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, will endeavor to obtain a membership list and list of officers of the NAACP. It will be noted that the national headquarters of this organization is 69 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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Title	Character of case
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People not considered to be Communist front organization. Several Southern chapters have been subject to Communist infiltration. Constitution and By-laws of the branches, National officers, Southern officers, Memphis, Nashville and Mobile chapter officers set out. Official publication of the N.A.A.C.P. is known as "The Crisis". Youth groups organized at Southern college universities. LeMoyne College chapter at Memphis suspected of radical tendencies.

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DETAILS: AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer:

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[redacted] He said that the National organization could not be considered Communistic in any sense; that its purpose was solely and simply

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to better the economic and social conditions of the colored people. He added, however, that some of the chapters of the N.A.A.C.P. here in the South had been subject to Communist infiltration and that there had been attempts made in these chapters to divert the purpose of the organization so as to further the program of the Communist Party. He provided the following list of National officers, Board of Directors and Legal Committee of the National organization:

NATIONAL OFFICERS

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Chairman of the Board
DR. LOUIS T. WRIGHT

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HON. IRA W. JAYNE
HON. CAROLINE O'DAY
REV. A. CLAYTON POWELL
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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ROY WILKINS	Assistant Secretary
	Editor, The Crisis
CHARLES H. HOUSTON	
THURGOOD MARSHALL	
	Special Counsel
WILLIAM PICKENS	Director of Branches
DAISY E. LAMPKIN	Field Secretary
E. FREDERIC MORROW	Branch Coordinator
GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR.	Publicity and Promotion
REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON	Acting Youth Director.

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People maintains its National headquarters at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York. The organization has branch chapters in practically all the large cities in the country but is particularly strong in the major population centers of the South.

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[redacted] provided the reporting agent with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People. These are set out below:

"ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1
Name

The name of this organization shall be the (name of city or county) Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Section 2
Object

The .... Branch shall be a constituent and subordinate unit of the Association, subject to the general authority and jurisdiction of the Board of Directors of the Association. Its objects shall be to promote the economic, political, civic and social betterment of colored people and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples, in conformity with the articles of incorporation of the Association, its constitution and by-laws, and as directed by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS

Section 1
Officers

The officers of the Branch shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; also, at the option of the Branch, additional Vice-Presidents and an Assistant Secretary. The officers shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2
President

The duties of the President shall be:

(a) To preside at meetings of the Branch and to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, unless the Executive Committee elects some other member of its body to be chairman.

(b) To appoint all committees not directly elected by the Branch or the Executive Committee.
(c) Between meetings of the Executive Committee and subject to the approval thereof, to exercise general executive authority on behalf of the Branch.
(d) To perform such other functions and exercise such further duties as may be voted from time to time by the Branch or the Executive Committee.

(c) To countersign all requisitions by the Secretary for disbursements from the Branch treasury.

The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee as provided in Article IV, Section 4. *

Section 3

Vice President

The duties of the Vice-President shall be to perform all the duties of the President in his absence or disability. In case of more than one Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents shall be designated as first, second, third, etc., and shall perform their duties according to their numerical rank.

Section 4

Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

(a) To act as Secretary of the Branch and the Executive Committee, to give due notice of all meetings of the Branch and the Executive Committee, to keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee and record the same in a minute book or minute books.

(b) To keep a record of all Branch members and their dues.

(c) To give receipts for all membership fees received and to transmit such fees to the Branch Treasurer; to send promptly to the National Office lists of all memberships received; to secure from the Treasurer and forward to the National Office that portion of membership fees belonging to the National Office.

(d) To aid, coordinate and integrate the work of the several committees and division of the Branch.

(e) To submit reports to the Branch and the Executive Committee at all regular meetings, or whenever required by either body, covering the status of the Branch and its activities since the date of the last report; to submit to the Branch at its annual meeting an annual report on the status and activities of the Branch. A copy of all reports by the Secretary when adopted by the Branch shall be forwarded to the National Office.

(f) To keep the Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People informed of all events affecting the interests of colored people in the vicinity of the Branch, and to submit to the National Office, whenever required by the National Office, a report on Branch activities.

(g) In conjunction with the President, to sign requisitions for disbursements from the Branch treasury and to maintain a file of receipts for disbursements.

The Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee as provided in Article IV, Section 4. *

Section 5 The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

Treasurer

(a) To receive all monies of the Branch and promptly to deposit the same in the name of the Branch in a separate account or accounts in a responsible bank or trust company. No money shall be withdrawn from any such account except on check signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President.

(b) To act as Chief financial officer of the Branch and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

(c) To make authorized disbursements upon requisitions signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President. Each requisition shall recite the amount and purpose of the payment requested. Every requisition in the amount of one hundred dollars or more must further be approved by the Executive Committee before payment. The Branch by regulation may require that requisitions in smaller amount be approved by the Executive Committee.

(d) To remit through the Secretary to the National Office the proportion of membership fees to which the National Office is entitled, as hereinafter provided, within fifteen days after their receipt (Article V, Section 4).

(e) To submit reports to the Branch and the Executive Committee at all regular meetings, or whenever required by either body, covering the financial condition of the Branch, showing receipts and disbursements, outstanding accounts unpaid since his last report; to submit an annual report of the business of his office at the annual meeting of the Branch, to which shall be appended a statement signed by the President and Secretary that all funds received by the Branch have been listed in the Treasurer's report. A copy of all reports by the Treasurer, when adopted by the Branch, shall be forwarded to the National Office.

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* Amended by National Board of Directors, March 11, 1940.

The Branch may require the Treasurer to be bonded at the expense of the Branch.

ARTICLE III.

COMMITTEES

Section 1

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have general control of the affairs of the Branch, subject to the authority of the Branch and to the provisions of this Constitution. It shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the chairmen of the standing committees of the Branch, the President of the Youth Council, the President of each College Chapter in the same community, the Senior Branch Advisor in the Youth Council, the Senior Branch Adviser of the Junior Youth Council, and such other members to be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch as the Branch by by-law may decide: Provided, that the total membership of the Executive Committee shall not exceed twenty-five, except by written authorization of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall render a report to the Branch at the regular meetings of the Branch and whenever otherwise required by the Branch.

The further duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:

(a) At its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Branch, to appoint the standing committees.
(b) To appoint special committees from time to time.
(c) To fill all vacancies in Branch offices or on committees for the unexpired term.

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the Branch but shall not be less than one-third of its total membership.

Section 2

Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Branch shall be the Committee on Membership, Finance, Press and Publicity, Legal Redress and Legislation, Labor and Industry, Education, Entertainments, and Youth Council and Junior Work.

With the exception of the Committees on Membership, Labor and Industry, Education, and Entertainments, which may be larger if desired by the Branch, these standing committees shall consist of not less than three members nor more than seven members.

The duties of the standing committees shall be:

(a) MEMBERSHIP. The Membership Committee shall work to increase the membership of the Association.

(b) FINANCE. The Finance Committee, which shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and at least one other member, shall have the duty of raising funds for the Branch for special, local and other purposes within the scope of the Branch program.

(c) PRESS AND PUBLICITY. The Press and Publicity Committee shall endeavor to secure publicity in the local press for the work of the Branch and the Association. By personal visits and correspondence, it shall attempt to interest editors in local conditions affecting colored people and in the race question in general.

It shall watch carefully the publications of the community and report thereon to the appropriate committee.

The Press and Publicity Committee shall be responsible for forwarding to THE CRISIS items covering Branch activities and important local affairs. It shall also act as far as possible as an agency for the promotion and sale of THE CRISIS.

No publicity shall be released by the Press and Publicity Committee without first being approved by the President of the Branch.

(d) LEGAL REDRESS AND LEGISLATION. The Legal Redress and Legislation Committee if possible shall be comprised largely of lawyers. It shall examine the state laws and local ordinances for possibilities of discrimination, work for better and equal enforcement of the laws, sponsor beneficial legislation, and work for the repeal of discriminatory laws.

It shall keep the Executive Committee of the Branch and the National Office promptly informed of all proposed legislation affecting colored people.

It shall investigate all cases reported to it for legal redress, consulting when necessary with the attorneys of the National Legal Committee, and shall watch over all litigation in which the Branch is interested.

The Legal Redress and Legislation Committee shall not given general legal advice.

(e) LABOR AND INDUSTRY. The Committee on Labor and Industry shall seek ways and means of improving the status of colored people in labor, industry and agriculture.

(f) EDUCATION. The Committee on Education shall study local educational conditions affecting colored people. It shall aim to be a center of papular education on the race question and the work of the National Association. It shall seek to stimulate attendance of colored youth in schools and shall visit the schools so as to keep informed of conditions and strive to correct abuses where found.

(g) ENTERTAINMENTS. The Committee on Entertainments shall have charge of entertainments of such kind as shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

(h) YOUTH COUNCIL AND JUNIOR WORK. The Committee on Youth Council and Junior Work shall consisy of the Senior Branch Adviser to the Youth Council, The Senior Branch Adviser to the Junior Youth Council, the Youth Council President, and the Junior Youth Council President. The membership of this Committee may be increased by the Branch Executive Committee to seven members.

The Committee on Youth Council and Junior Work shall be responsible to the Branch Executive Committee. Its duties shall be to develop the youth program of the Branch and to coordinate the programs of the senior and youth groups.

Section 3
Tenure

Members of the Executive Committee and of the several standing committees shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 4
Vacancies and Removals

Non-functioning committees shall be promptly discharged by the Executive Committee and, where necessary, new appointments made by the Executive Committee for the unexpired terms of unfulfilled purposes.

The position of any member of the Executive Committee or of any standing or special committee who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee, without notice or explanation to the committee, may be declared vacant by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

Organization Meeting

The officers and Executive Committee elected at the organization meeting of the Branch shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 2

Annual Meeting

Thereafter, all officers and the Executive Committee, shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Branch and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 3

Elections

All those who signify their intention of becoming charter members of the Branch and their endorsement of the aims and purposes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and who have paid the prescribed fees shall be entitled to vote at the organization meeting and to be elected to office.

Thereafter, all members who are in good standing by noon of the day of any meeting of the Branch shall be entitled to vote at that meeting and to hold office in the Branch.

Section 4

Nominating Committee

At the regular meeting of the Branch next preceding the annual meeting, the Branch may elect a Nominating Committee, composed of not less than three nor more than seven members, to present nominations at the annual meeting for all offices and the Executive Committee: Provided, that additional nominations may be made at the annual meeting by written petition signed by three or more members of the Branch.

In case a nominating committee is not elected or neglects or refuses to render a report, nominations shall be made at the annual meeting by written petition signed by three or more members of the Branch.

Section 5

Right to Vote

The right to vote is personal and may not be exercised by proxy.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1
Membership

Any person may become a member of the Branch in accordance with the articles of incorporation and the constitution and by-laws of the Association by paying annually in advance a fee of at least one dollar. Membership in the Branch shall include membership in the National Association.

Section 2
THE CRISIS

Any person paying an annual membership of two dollars and fifty cents or more shall be entitled to receive THE CRISIS without further charge during the year.

Section 3
Members-at-Large

Members of the National Association in good standing where branches are being formed may affiliate with the new Branch and be entitled to vote upon presenting satisfactory evidence of their membership. They shall not be assessed annual membership fees by the new Branch until the expiration of the annual membership for which they have paid,

Section 4
Division of Fees

The Branch shall remit to the Treasurer of the National Association the National Office's share of all membership fees, within fifteen days of their receipt, in the following proportions, and may retain the balance in its treasury for local purposes:

(a) SENIOR MEMBERSHIP (for persons twenty-one years of age or over) $1.00; To National Office, $0.50; local treasury $0.50.

(b) YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (for persons under twenty-one years of age) $0.50; To National Office $0.25; local treasury $0.25.

(c) CRISIS MEMBERSHIP (includes one year's subscription to THE CRISIS) $2.50; to National Office $2.00; local treasury $0.50.

(d) BLUE CERTIFICATE MEMBERSHIP (includes THE CRISIS and literature) $5.00; To National Office $3.75; local treasury $1.25.

(e) GOLD CERTIFICATE MEMBERSHIP (includes THE CRISIS and all literature) $10.00; to National Office $6.25; local treasury $3.75.

(f) LIFE MEMBERSHIP -- $500.00 or more. Life Membership shall constitute an endowment for the national work of the Association and the full sum shall be forwarded to the National Office.

Section 5

Contributions

The Branch may retain for the local treasury ten ($10.00) dollars out of every contribution of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars or more which it obtains. The balance of such contributions shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the National Association.

Section 6

State and Regional Assessments

Wherever the Branch comes within the jurisdiction of a state or regional conference, assessments on the Branch for support of the conference shall be paid into the National Office and transmitted by the National Office to the treasury of the state or regional conference. The amount of such assessments shall be determined by the state or regional conference with the approval of the National Board of Directors.

Section 7

Other Funds

The Branch may raise and retain funds for local purposes within the scope of the Association program, through entertainments and other special activities; but in all announcements regarding such entertainments and special activities, the specific local purpose for which the funds are to be used must be made clear and a full financial report shall be rendered to the Branch, the National Office, and the public.

The Branch may raise funds with the consent of the National Office in the name of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for other than local purposes, through entertainments and special activities, in which case fifty per cent of the net proceeds shall be sent to the National Office and fifty per cent retained in the Branch treasury. A financial report of all such entertainments and activities shall be rendered to the Branch, the National Office, and the public.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

Section 1
Regular
Meetings

Regular meetings of the Branch shall be held at lease once a month, and such other public or special meetings as may be required.

Section 2
Annual
Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers, which may coincide with the regular meeting of the Branch, shall be held between November 1 and December 15, unless the time of the meeting is changed with the written approval of the National Office. *

Section 3

Written notice of time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Branch in good standing at least seven days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Notice of the regular monthly or special meetings shall be sent to each member in good standing in writing, or published in some local periodical, except that notice of regular meetings need not be sent where definite dates and places of such meetings have been set by resolution of the Branch.

Section 4
Special
Meetings

Special meetings may be called at any time and place on three days' written notice by direction of the President, or of any three members of the Executive Committee; or on failure of these to act, by any ten members of the Branch.

Section 5
Executive
Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as it may determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, the Secretary, or by two members of the Committee, on two days' written notice.

Section 6
Standing
Committees

The Standing Committees appointed by the Executive Committee shall meet regularly once a month at such time and places as they may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by two members on two days' written notice. All standing committees shall report each month to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting.

Section 7

Adjourned Meetings

In the event a quorum is not present at any regular or special meeting of the Branch or committee of the Branch, those present at the time and place announced for said meeting, may adjourn the same from time to time a day, hour and place certain, and without further notice all business which might lawfully have been transacted at the original meeting may be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUM

Quorum

The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum at all meetings shall be decided upon by a resolution adopted by the Branch.

ARTICLE VIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Business

Unless altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present, the following shall be the order of business at meetings of the Branch:

Ascertainment of members present
Reading of minutes of previous meeting
Reports of officers
Reports of committees
Elections
Unfinished business
New business

Rules of procedure as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Branch except as otherwise herein provided.

ARTICLE IX

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Branches Failing to Report

If a Branch fails to report to the National Office for a period of four consecutive months, the National Board of Directors may declare any or all of the offices of the Branch vacant and order a new election.

Notice of removal shall be sent to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Branch by registered mail at their last addresses on file in the National Office and may be published in the official organ of the National Association. Upon receipt of notice either by mail or publiscation, the officers shall perform no official act and shall hold all records and monies of the Branch, subject to the disposition of the National Office.

Section 2

Neglectful and Unit Officers

The National Board of Directors may also declare any office of the Branch vacant and order a new election, on satisfactory evidence that the officer is guilty of gross neglect of his offical duties, or of such conduct as would be inimical to the best interest of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or of the Branch.

The charges against the officer must be preferred in writing and signed by the person or persons making the same, and forwarded to the National Office. Immediately on receipt of the same, the Secretary of the National Association shall forward a copy of the charges by registered mail to the officer at his last address on file in the National Office. No action shall be taken on the charges until fifteen days after the copy should have reached the officer by ordinary course of post. He shall be entitled within the fifteen days to file with the National Office his answer in writing to the charges. The National Board of Directors reserves the right to hear and act on the charges and defense on written statement, affidavit, or oral testimony as in its judgment justice may require.

Notice of the findings and action of the Board shall be sent to the officer by registered mail at his last address on file in the National Office and, in the direction of the Board of Directors, published in the official organ of the National Association. In the event the charges are sustained and the office declared vacant, upon receipt of notice to that effect by mail, publication or otherwise, the officer shall perform no official act and shall hold all records and monies of the Branch subject to the disposition of the National Office or his successor in office.

ARTICLE X.

SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHARTER

Section 1

Suspension and Revocation

The Charter of authority received by the Branch upon its admission to the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People, may be suspended, or revoked by the Board of Directors of the Association whenever the Board shall deem it for the best interest of the Association. Such revocation shall not invalidate the membership of any member of the Branch in the National Association.

Section 2

Notice of Suspension

Notice of the findings and action of the board shall be sent by the Secretary of the Association, by registered mail, to the President and Secretary of the Branch, and may be published in the official organ of the National Association. In case the Charter of the Branch is suspended or revoked, upon receipt of notice by the President or Secretary by mail, publication, or otherwise, the Branch shall cease to function and the officers shall forthwith forward all records, property and monies of the Branch to the National Office where the same may be applied in its discretion for the benefit of the community wherein the Branch was located.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments

With the written approval of the National Board of Directors previously obtained, this Constitution By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Branch: Provided that (1) notice in writing of the proposed amendment shall be given to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the same is to be acted upon; or that (2) the proposed amendment shall be approved at two successive regular meetings of the Branch.

ARTICLE XII.

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

Authorized Committees

Groups of seven or more individuals in communities too small to maintain a branch of the Association may be authorized by the Board of Directors to work as Authorized Committees of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, carrying out its purposes and objects and raising funds for its support as does a Branch, subject to such rules and regulations as the National Board of Directors may enact.

ARTICLE XIII.

YOUTH COUNCILS AND JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCILS

Youth Councils

Branches of the Association may organize Youth Councils and Junior Youth Councils which shall be subject to the control of the Executive Committee, and to such rules and regulations as the National Board of Directors may enact.

ARTICLE XIV.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Woman's Auxiliary

Branches of the Association may organize a Woman's Auxiliary subject to the control of the Executive Committee and to such rules and regulations as the National Board of Directors may enact.

ARTICLE XV.

Section 1

Non-Limitation of National Association

No indebtedness or obligation shall be incurred by the Branch or any of its officers or agents in the name of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Association shall not be responsible for any indebtedness or obligation incurred by the Branch or by any of its officers or agents.

Section 2

No indebtedness or obligation of more than one hundred dollars shall be incurred in the name or behalf of the Branch unless by vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

FISCAL AND BUSINESS YEAR

Section 1
Schedule

The fiscal and business year of the Branch shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Section 2
Installation of Officers

The officers elected at the annual meeting shall be installed at the next regular meeting of the Branch following the election.

There is a Memphis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the subsidiary branch of that chapter at LeMoyne College, colored university, in Memphis, Tennessee. The officers of the Memphis Branch are as follows:

UTILLUS R. PHILLIPS, President.
Reverend C. M. DAVIS, Vice-President.
MRS. R. L. FRANKLIN, Corresponding Secretary.
MRS. C. RICHARD GOODEN, Recording Secretary.
JAMES C. STAFFORD, Treasurer.

b7C { The President's address is [redacted] [redacted] All of these officers are colored.

The Executive Committee of the Memphis Branch is as follows:

CLEO PHILLIPS, (wife of the President)
EMMETT J. HUMES
LAWRENCE J. LEE
ALONZO LOCKE
LEROY PITTMAN
EDWARD ROBINZINE
J. A. SOMERVILLE
MRS. M. W. BONNER
MISS MARGARET BICKNELL
Professor E. C. GEORGE

Miss BICKNELL is the only member of the Executive Committee who is a white person.

The LeMoyne College Chapter is headed by MARGARET BICKNELL and assisted by E. C. GEORGE. Both of these persons are professors at the college. The balance of the LeMoyne College officers are unknown at this time.

b7D [redacted] advised that most of the officers of the Memphis Branch were employees of the Federal Government. This information was checked with [redacted]

b7C { [redacted] of the Post Office at Memphis, Tennessee, who advised that Reverend C. M. DAVIS is a retired Postal employee; R. L. FRANKLIN, EMMETT J. HUMES and J. A. SOMERVILLE are at the present time carriers for the Post Office here in Memphis; also, that JAMES C. STAFFORD, LAWRENCE J. LEE, EDWARD ROBINZINE and UTILLUS R. PHILLIPS are all employed by the Railway Mail Service.

He further advised that all of these individuals named have signed the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government and that they were not members of any subversive group.

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[redacted] identified the balance of the officers as follows:

CLEO PHILLIPS is the wife of the President of the Memphis Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

MRS. M. W. DONNER is the wife of the Secretary to the Universal Life Insurance Company in Memphis.

MISS MARGARET BICKNELL and Professor E. C. GEORGE are both professors at the LeMoyne College.

LEROY PITTMAN is a laborer working in Memphis, Tennessee.

ALONZO LOCKE and RICHARD GOODEN are both employees of the Hotel Peabody in Memphis.

He pointed out further that the N.AA.C.P. has a youth movement, but that this movement is not affiliated in any way with any other group. He did not believe that it could be considered subversive.

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[redacted] made available to the reporting agent the list of officers of the Nashville Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. These officers are set out as follows:

Reverend W. J. FAULKNER, President
W. D. HAWKINS, JR., First Vice-President
MRS. J. T. BROWN, Second Vice-President
Reverend JULIUS JOHNSON, Third Vice-President
MRS. E. W. GRANT, Secretary
DEERWOOD McCORD, Assistant Secretary
MRS. B. F. COX, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is as follows:

M. W. DAY, Chairman
W. J. HALE, JR.
DR. ELI MARKS
DR. A. T. CUTLER
Attorney Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
F. C. EDWARDS

MRS. W. A. DECK
RICHARD OTEY
MERL R. EPPSE
Reverend F. L. McDOWELL
DR. D. T. ROLFE
Reverend J. T. PATTON

The officers of the Mobile Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. are as follows:

M. J. JACKSON, President
C. H. FOWLKES, Vice-President
TAYLOR BURROUGHES, Assistant Vice-President
J. L. LEFIORE, Secretary
C. E. POWELL, First Assistant Secretary
MISS AILENE ARRINGTON, Second Assistant Secretary
HENRY THOMAS , Treasurer

The Executive Committee of the Mobile Chapter is as follows:

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WILLIAM MARK
R. E. L. EASTLAND
Bishop W. T. PHILLIPS
DR. P. W. GOODE
Professor O. H. JOHNSON
W. H. TYLER
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MRS. GRACE PATTON
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IRVIN WHITE
DR. M. G. EDMONDS
C. S. WILLIAMS
L. T. SAMPLES
MRS. EMMA FREEMAN

W. L. BALDEN
MISS MARIE DIXON
MISS JANICE N. BLUNT

A 1941 Regional Conference of the Southern Branches of the N.A.A.C.P. elected the following officers:

J. J. LEFLORE, Chairman from Mobile
J. E. PERKINS, Secretary from Baton Rouge
J. E. LaFOURCHE, Director of Publicity, from New Orleans
DR. E. W. PAGGART, Vice-President from Birmingham
Professor E. L. BROOKES, Treasurer from Atlanta
ETHELYNNE E. HOLMES, Director of Youth Work, from Atlanta

The Regional Counsellors are as follows:

ARTHUR D. SHORES, From Birmingham
A. P. WALDEN, from Atlanta
J. EMMETT BALLARD, from Jackson, Tennessee
J. E. PERKINS, from Baton Rouge.

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[redacted] advised that he suspected the LeMoyne College Chapter at Memphis of having radical tendencies; that the individuals who were leading that group are well-known agitators. The two leaders mentioned in this report are Pacifists; others are known to be fellow-travelers among the Communist group.

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THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

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Will continue to contact [redacted] to secure further information from him concerning the activities and program of the LeMoyne College Chapter and to determine so far as possible the character of any subversive activities being carried on by that chapter.

AT JACKSON, TENNESSEE:

Will endeavor to determine the nature of the activities of the Jackson Branch at Jackson, Tennessee of the N.A.A.C.P.

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will attempt to determine the character of the activities of the Nashville Branch and of the individuals who are officers of that branch.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: N.A.A.C.P. held 33rd annual conference in Los Angeles 7/14 to 19/42. 225 official delegates registering from 40 states. Keynote of the convention was to continue fight against discrimination and segregation and for equal rights with whites. "Victory is vital to minorities", was theme of discussions centering around the war effort. Communist agitation at convention shown. Information concerning [redacted] set out.

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10 The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People held its 33rd annual conference at Los Angeles, California, from July 14 to July 19, 1942, with the registration body and conference headquarters at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue, Los Angeles.

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235 official delegates from forty states were registered. The conference, representing 600 branches of its organization, had as its slogan, "Victory is vital to minorities". An official program of the convention was procured, a copy of which is being retained in this file and a copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau. The following officers and directors were listed in the program:

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On Tuesday night, July 14, 1942, at an open mass meeting, ROY WILKIN, Assistant Secretary, N.A.A.C.P., New York, New York, gave the keynote address of the convention to some 4,000 assembled delegates and spectators. He stated that the N.A.A.C.P. would continue their fight against segregation and discrimination against the negroes and for equal rights of the Negroes with white people. He siad that "We are determined forever to be through with status quo". He further stated "This is no war — this is a social revolution. Nations and societies are being shattered and remolded almost overnight. I say to you that the reason why this association was born in 1909 and has lived 33 years — the reason why I am here and you are here — is because we are determined forever and a day to be through with the status quo. Are we worms to sit in a corner and say we yearn not for green pastures? We are impelled to oppose the status quo by the imperatives of the situation. If you are in a crack you must get out."

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"I do not recall a time," said WILKINS, "when there has been such unity of thought and such clearness as to the path we have to follow. It is not such luxuries as freedom of speech, but the control over his own body, the right to walk around and not be strung up to a tree, that concerns the negroes at this time and that gave rise to the association."

WILKINS further stated, "Some say we should let things go during the war period so there will be no disunity, in other words remain in a status quo. That we will not do because to make people free is why the war is being fought. No one can call us subversive if we refuse to remain in a status quo position."

A list of objectives outlined included; No segregation in the armed services; war jobs open to all; no bias against negroes in labor unions; removal of "the insulting and unscientific rule of the segregating of blood of negroes and white donors by the Red Cross in plasma banks"; abolition of "Jim Crow" rules in voting, jury service, employment, education, and housing.

At a mass meeting CHARLOTTA A. BASS, negress, editor of the California Eagle, leading Los Angeles negro weekly newspaper, addressed the assemblage in a stirring talk which followed the Communist Party line. It will be noted that in the July 16, 1942, issue of the California Eagle, an editorial by CHARLOTTA A. BASS describes her position regarding the Communist Party as follows:

> "We must pause to hail reinstatement of the Communist Party upon the ballot in the state of California. This newspaper once felt that no good could come from the infiltration of Communism in the American political scene. The changing of our views on this matter is reflected also in the change of policy of the great state of California and follows logically in the development of true national unity around the victory for the anti-Fascist world."

The "Los Angeles Sentinel" had the following to say regarding CHARLOTTA A. BASS' speech:

> "She called for an immediate opening of the second front, and delivered a scathing attack upon A. PHILIP RANDOLPH and his program for fighting "Jim Crow" segregation and discrimination in all phases of American life; she put across a rather different type of thought than was the general expression of the meeting.

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Parts of CHARLOTTA A. BASS speech described is as follows:

> "She called for a concerted effort of the united nations for victory, saying that the alternative would be that this country would be ruled by American fascists. She said that this was a moment of great decision for the whole civilized world and paid tribute to the noble Russian defense. She said that Hitlerism is a counter-revolution to every people's movement from Bunker hill to the "barracks of St. Petersburg". She further stated that American Fascists such as the Talmadges, Coughlin, Ku Klux Klan, and the whole host of appeasers would be in control of the country if HITLER wins. She further stated that the poll tax execution of ODELL WALLER, Virginia negro sharecropper who killed his landlord, was due to the poll tax, "pole cat" congressmen from the southern states. (It will be noted that Communist newspapers are sponsoring considerable agitation in the ODELL WALLER case). She said that the negroes must immediately demand a mixed brigade in the armed forces, and fair employment practices. She said that before we can enter on the final battle against the imperialist regimes of today, we must eradicate Hitlerism. In conclusion she called for an immediate establishment of a second front in Europe."

The complete text of CHARLOTTA A. BASS' talk appears in the "California Eagle" issue of July 23, 1942, which is being retained in the subject file.

The July 23, 1942, issue of the "California Eagle" carries an article in which the resolutions adopted by the conference were discussed. The resolutions are as follows: A Pacific charter was urged, the capital march on Washington movement re-endorsed, the poll tax struck, a New Dies Committee asked, and a national youth executive committee of ten members demanded.

A resolution endorsing the immediate establishment of a second front in Europe was tabled, two recounts being necessary on the tabling motion.

The same paper carried an article concerning the youth parley of the N.A.A.C.P. and the resolutions and program endorsed by the Youth Conference are as follows: Resolution to set up a ten-man national youth executive committee; a firm and determined stand for the observance of the democratic rights of all people, campaign for a mixed volunteer unit in the army through cooperation in progressive white organizations and trade unions (many of which circulated petitions to that effect at the convention), and a resolution calling for the establishment of the second front. One of the prominent speakers at the youth convention was REVELS CATON, Negro, state vice-president of the C.I.O. [redacted]

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The "People's World", West Coast Communist newspaper, carried an announcement in the issue of July 11, 1942, that JOHN PITTMAN, Negro "People's World" foriegn editor, would cover the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE convention, and readers were urged to consult the columns of the "People's World" for news of the convention.

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The names of the following Communists, or people who have sponsored Communist movements, were noted in the list of officers and committees shown in the official program:

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"The Los Angeles Sentinel", Negro newspaper, issue of July 23, 1942, shows a photograph of LAURENCE BAQUET, who stood up in the convention and objected rather loudly to A. PHILIPS RANDOLPH'S talk upon the Communist program for the negroes at this time of crisis, quoting BAQUET as follows: "I am a Communist at heart and anyone who says that the Communists have not helped the negro is all wrong".

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of the Spingarn medal, an award made annually for the highest achievement of an American negro, which was presented to A. PHILIPS RANDOLPH, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. This presentation was made because RANDOLPH was instrumental in securing the issuance of July 25, 1941, by the President of the United States of Executive Order banning discrimination because of race, breed, or color in national defense industries or Federal Government. RANDOLPH led a capital march on Washington movement which was discussed at length during the convention. The issue of the "California Eagle", dated July 23, 1942, states that a local march on Washington committee has been planned.

Another highlight of the convention was a talk by WENDELL WILLKIE, who rapped race bias as imperialism and who made a strong appeal to win the war.

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On July 21, 1942, [redacted] turned over to this office certain literature [redacted] being distributed by various individuals at the location of the recent convention of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. From the literature submitted it would appear that groups interested in its distribution were the Communist Party, Socialist Party, and Socialist Workers Party.

The Communist Party passed out pamphlets entitled, "The War and the Negro People", by JAMES W. FORD, and these pamphlets bore the rubber stamp of the Progressive Book Store, Communist book distributing point in Los Angeles.

The Socialist Workers Party handed out pamphlets entitled, "All for Mr. DAVIS", which is published by the national headquarters of this organization, and the individual distributing these pamphlets was [redacted]

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The Socialist Party's efforts were furthered by [redacted] who distributed "The Call", publication of the Socialist Party issued at the national headquarters in New York City, and a throwaway entitled, "Ask WENDELL WILLKIE Why ODELL WALLER Was Murdered".

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[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] an alleged Communist in the San Francisco area and member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards which, is alleged to have been drafted by the C.I.O. to organize the negro element in Los Angeles and Long Beach areas.

ENCLOSURE FOR THE BUREAU:
I copy of the program of the 33rd Annual Conference of the N.A.A.C.P.

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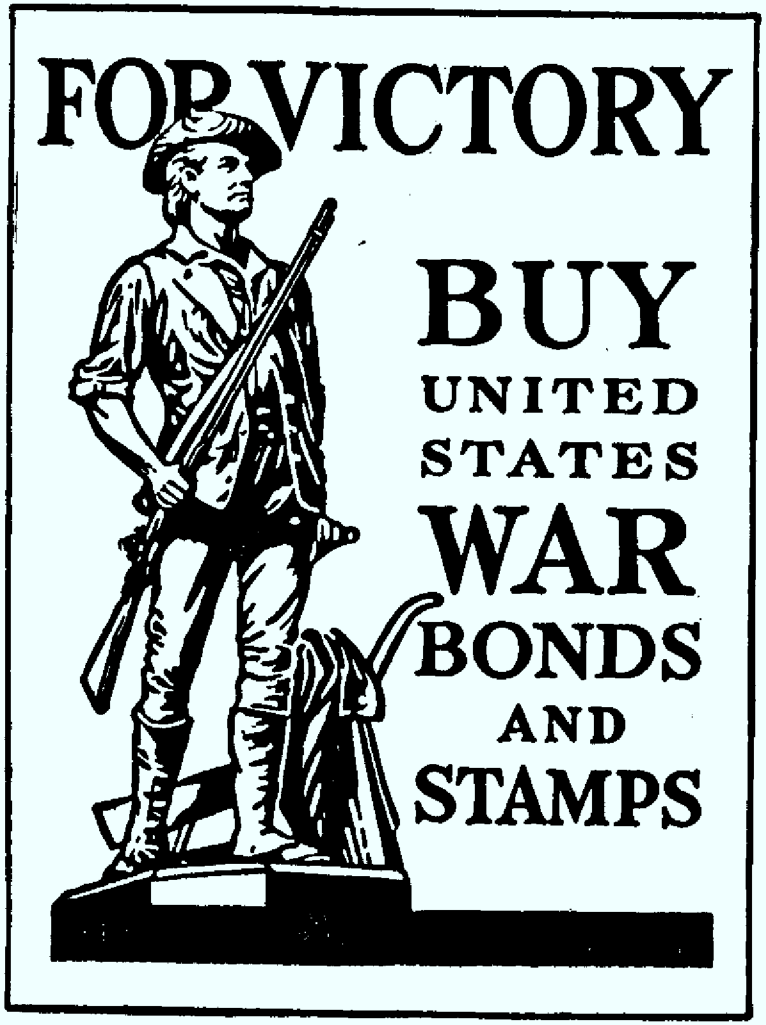
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Conference Headquarters and Registration Bureau will be located at Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue. Registration fees $1.00. Mail and telegraph service will be maintained at the registration offices. Registration entitles one to an official badge and admission to all sessions and entertainments of the conference.

Meetings.—All mass meetings during the week will be held in Second Baptist Church. The Sunday mass meeting will be held at Shrine auditorium.

Business Sessions.—All business sessions will be held in Second Baptist Church.

Length of Speeches.—Speakers at mass meetings are requested to observe as closely as possible the time limit of thirty minutes.

Speakers at the business sessions are requested to observe the time limit set by the chairman.

Hours of Meeting.—The evening mass meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock, with the musical program lasting one-half hour. Promptly at 8:30, the platform party will take its place upon the rostrum and speakers will begin. The morning sessions will begin at 9:00 o'clock and will run through until 12:00 o'clock noon, except where noted in this program. The afternoon sessions will begin at 2:00 P.M. and run until 4:30 P.M.

Rates.—Upon registering, persons from out of town will be assigned to stopping places which have been thoroughly investigated by the housing committee. Stopping places in private homes will be $1.00 per person, and for two persons, $1.50. If the delegate wishes to eat breakfast only, the price will not exceed 50c per meal. There will be a food concession in the church which will serve meals for 50c.

Entertainment.—An introductory period will be held at Second Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., prior to the evening mass meeting of the conference.

The Senior and Junior branch will give a dance at the Shrine Pavilion Saturday, July 18, 11:00 P.M. All delegates will be admitted free.

The branch has arranged a sight-seeing trip followed by a barbecue at Val Verde, California, Saturday afternoon, 3:00 P.M.

Annual Report.—The thirty-second annual report (for 1941) of the N.A.A.C.P. will be on sale—price 10 cents per copy.

Group Photograph.—On Friday, July 17, at 12:15 o'clock noon, a photograph of all delegates, members, and visitors will be taken. The photographer will exhibit proofs Friday afternoon, and orders can be placed for delivery before leaving Los Angeles. The price of the photograph will be $1.00.

Crisis.—The July issue of the official organ of the N.A.A.C.P., *The Crisis*, will be on sale. Annual subscriptions may also be placed. By the year $1.50. Single copies, 15 cents. Books by and about Negroes will be on display and may be ordered through the Crisis Book Shop, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Music.—The N.A.A.C.P. expresses herewith its appreciation to the choruses and the individual artists who are contributing their musical talents.

OPENING MASS MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue

Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif., *Presiding*

8:00-8:30—Musical Program

Combined Choirs of the Second Baptist Church

Madame Mozelle T. Outley and Anna G. Morrow, *Directors*

Josephine Cooper, *Soloist*

Invocation——Rev. J. Raymond Henderson

The National Anthem

Welcome Address for the State of California

Governor Culbert L. Olson

Welcome Address for the Los Angeles Branch

Thomas L. Griffith, Jr., *President*

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"——Audience

Address——Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary, New York, N. Y.

Benediction——Rev. Baxter C. Duke

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, July 15, 9:00-12:45 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
N. W. Griffin, Jacksonville, Fla., *Presiding*

THE NEGRO IN THE WAR EFFORT

A. Civilian Defense, Health and Welfare

Crystal Bird Fauset, Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D. C.

Dr. James J. McClendon, Detroit, Michigan

Thomas N. Roberts, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

B. The Armed Services

Appointment of Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Time and Place

2:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis, Mo., *Presiding*

C. Employment and Training

Amos T. Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma

George M. Johnson, Jr., *Assistant Executive Secretary* Fair Employment Practice Committee, Washington, D. C.

Walter T. Hardin, UAW-CIO, Detroit, Michigan

MASS MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
C. L. Dellums, Oakland, Calif., *Presiding*

8:00-8:30—Musical Program
Senior Choir First A.M.E. Church
Jester Hariston, *Director*

Invocation..Rev. F. D. Jordan

Address..Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, *Editor*,
California *Eagle*, Los Angeles, California

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"..Audience

Address..Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, *Chairman*
President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice,
Washington, D. C.

Benediction..Father H. R. Moore

BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, July 16, 9:00—12:00 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
Dr. J. C. McKelvie, Long Branch, N. J., *Presiding*

PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS DURING AN EMERGENCY
. Under the Federal Civil Rights Statutes
Thurgood Marshall, New York, N. Y.

11:45 A.M.—Meeting of the National Board of Directors

2:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

Lionel Barrow, New York, N. Y., *Presiding*

B. Under State Statutes

1. Civil Rights Statutes
   Thomas L. Griffith, Los Angeles, California
   Walter Gordon, Berkeley, California
2. Criminal Defense
   Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. Police Brutality
   Carl Johnson, Kansas City, Missouri
   Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Baltimore, Md.

Note: Both sessions will deal with the technique of handling these different problems with ample time for discussion from the floor.

YOUTH NIGHT

MASS MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
John Kinloch, Los Angeles, California, *Presiding*

8:00-8:30—Musical Program
Gilbert Allen Youth Singers
Gilbert Allen, *Director*

Invocation————Rev. Karl E. Downs
Address————E. Frederic Morrow, New York City
"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"————Audience
Youth Night Address————Rev. James H. Robinson,
Member, National Board of Directors, New York, N. Y.
Awarding of Essay Contest Prizes————Walter White, *Secretary*
N.A.A.C.P., New York, N. Y.
Benediction————Rev. H. Mansfield Collins

BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, July 17, 9:00-12:00 Noon

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
E. Frederic Morrow, New York, N. Y., *Presiding*

STRENGTHENING THE N.A.A.C.P. AS AN ORGANIZATION

A. The Washington Bureau
  Walter White

B. Conducting Membership Campaigns
  Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Miss Ella J. Baker, Randall L. Tyus, Madison S. Jones

C. The Bulletin, *The Crisis*, and Publicity
  Roy Wilkins

12:15 Noon—Conference Photograph

2:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

Dr. J. J. McClendon, Detroit, Mich., *Presiding*

D. Regional and Branch Executive Secretaries (Employed)
  Gloster Current, Detroit, Michigan

E. Fund Raising Activities
  Eardlie John, New York, N. Y.

F. Youth Work
  Madison S. Jones, Jr.

G. Awarding of Thalheimer Prize, Merit Scrolls and Life Membership Medals

MASS MEETING

Friday, July 17, 8:00 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
Miss Yolanda Barnett, Louisville, Ky., *Presiding*

SPINGARN MEDAL NIGHT

8:00-8:30—Musical Program
People's Independent Church of Christ Choir
Mrs. A. C. Harris-Bilbrew, *Director*
Elihue Sloan, *Soloist*

Invocation—Rev. Clayton D. Russell

Presentation of 27th Spingarn Medal to A. Philip Randolph
Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City, Kansas

Acceptance—A. Philip Randolph, International President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, New York, N. Y.

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"—Audience

Benediction—Rev. E. W. Rakestraw

BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, July 18, 9:00—12:15 P.M.

Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue
George M. Johnson, Washington, D. C., *Presiding*

I. Election of Members of Nominating Committee

II. Report of Resolutions Committee

III. Report of Time and Place Committee

MASS MEETING

Sunday, July 19, 2:30 P.M.

Shrine Auditorium
Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Pittsburgh, Pa., *Presiding*

2:30-3:00—Musical Program
Festival Negro Chorus of Los Angeles
Hall Johnson, *Conductor*

Invocation........................Dr. S. M. Beane

The National Anthem

Address........................Walter White, *Executive Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.*

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"........................Audience

Address........................Wendell L. Willkie

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"........................Audience

Benediction........................Bishop William A. Washington

YOUTH CONFERENCE PROGRAM

With the exception of the meetings listed below, the youth delegates will join the senior delegates in business sessions and mass meetings.

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 P.M.—Reception to Youth Council delegates

Wednesday, July 15

9:00-10:30 A.M.—Election of delegates to Committees
- Time and Place Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Conference Credentials Committee

Thursday, July 16

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LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our native land.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: This organization was founded in 1910 at New York, New York. The Fourth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of America held in Chicago in 1925 reported that it is permissable and necessary for selected Communists (not the Party membership as a whole) to enter in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conventions and to make proposals calculated to enlighten the negro masses under its influence as to the nature and necessity of the class struggle. The identity of their exploiters and their leaders in the same persons and the treacherous nature of reformist measures proposed. A list of the National Officers and the officers of the Chicago Branch are set forth in this report. A War Emergency Conference was held in Detroit on June 3 to 6, 1943. This organization took an active part in the trial of two police officers after the shooting of ELMO VASSAR, a negro boy in the Morgan Park District of Chicago on May 13, 1943. u

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The following article appears in the January 29, 1943 issue of "Current History" entitled "Twenty Years of Negro Progress" by HERBERT J. SELIGMAN, Director of Publicity, NAACP:

> "At the end of May 1909 the National Negro Congress was begun, among the conspicuous absentees being BOOKER T. WASHINGTON. At that conference race relations were discussed in the plan formed in the Cooper Union, New York, with a frankness and directness of statement that have since become familiar. Among the speakers were the late Professor JOHN SPENCER BASSETT, Professor FERRAND of Columbia University, Judge STAFFORD, and JENKIN LLOYD JONES. It was decided at that conference to form a permanent committee and to hold other conferences. Out of this beginning grew the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, organized as a permanent body in 1910, having for its President MOORFIELD STOREY of Boston, former President of the American Bar Association, whose activity and interest in the field of race relations has dated back to his services as Secretary to Senator CHARLES SUMNER in the person of Dr. DU BOIS. The Niagara Movement and that new organization were merged.. Dr. DU BOIS came from Atlanta to New York to assume the duty of Director of Research and [illegible] of the editor of the 'Crises' magazine which first appeared in November of 1910."

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According to an article appearing in the "Light" magazine on February 26, 1927, WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Representative of the NAACP toured Russia and wrote articles concerning his experiences there. The following article appeared in the Seattle enterprise on February 4, 1927 with a New York date line of February 3, 1927:

> "Also have Jews been received by the NAACP, 69 Fifth Avenue from WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Secretary of the NAACP who has visited Russia on his European lecture tour.
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> "Among the Russian leaders Mr. PICKENS has conferred with are KALININ, sisters of Trotsky and Lenin, and prominent editors. He reports that the 'Fire in the Flint' by WALTER WHITE and 'Bursting Bonds' and 'The Vengeance of the Gods' by Mr. PICKENS himself are to be translated into Russian and perhaps put on the stage as well

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as made into motion pictures.

Mr. PICKENS has written a comprehensive article on lynching during the past forty years, details the campaign conducted over these past forty years against this evil in America by the NAACP. This article is to be published in newspapers in Moscow, Berlin, and Paris whereas Mr. PICKENS has always written for Russian magazines on the American race problems."

The following information was obtained in "The Fourth National Convention" official report of Workers (Communist) Party of America held in Chicago, Illinois on August 21 to 30, 1925:

"In the NAACP, the negro bourgeoisie together with the middle class white reformists and under the partial leadership of the bourgeoisie (such as represented by Senator BURTON, Chairman last Republican National Convention) find the chief medium for its reformist operations. Yet it is a paradox and a reflection of the now passing period of the patronizing of the negro cause by the capitalist class, that this organization at its last convention, appeared in the role of championing, though in a timid and "respectable" way, negro worker's right to admittance in the trade unions.

In this organization, under present circumstances, it is permissable and necessary for selected Communists (not Party membership as a whole) to enter its conventions and to make proposals calculated to enlighten the negro masses under its influence as to the nature and necessity of the class struggle. The identity of their exploiters and their leaders in the same persons and the treacherous nature of the reformist measures proposed.

However, it is only when the Communist work is so broadened and extended in the field of negro movements as to make our Party stand out as the only real champion of the negro against lynching, all discriminating and all oppression and exploitation that we can successfully combat the influence of such bourgeois movements.

The aim of our Party and our work among the negro masses is to create a powerful proletarian movement which will fight and lead the struggle of the negro race against exploitation and oppression in every form and which will be a militant part of the revolutionary movement of the whole American working class, to strengthen the American revolutionary movement by bringing it to the 11,500,00 negro workers and farmers in the United States, to broaden the struggles of the American negro workers and farmers, connect them with the struggles of the national minorities and colonial peoples of the world and thereby further the cause of the world revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariate. (adopted unanimously)."

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The following information was obtained from a memorandum written on the NAACP, compiled by [redacted]

"The NAACP was organized in 1909 upon a call written by OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, signed by 54 persons including MARY WHITE OVINGTON, W. E. B. DU BOIS, BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS, CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, FRANCIS J. GRIMKE, RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, and others.

In 1927 it had grown from this small committee to a nation-wide organization with branches in forty-four states and the District of Columbia with a gross expenditure of $78,834.27 in 1927. Primary objectives of the organization are to fight against segregation, disfranchisement of colored voters in the south, lynching, to nullify anti-inter-marriage laws, segregation and other laws directed against social equality of negros with whites.

Official organ of the group is the "Crisis" edited by W. E. B. DU BOIS.

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The National Officers are MOORFIELD STOREY, President, ARCHIBALD H. GRIMKE, REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, BISHOP JOHN HURST, ARTHUR B. SPINGARN, OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, vice-President, MARY WHITE OVINGTON, Chairman. Members of the Board— J. E. SPINGARN, Treasurer, ROBERT W. BAGNALL, Director of Branches, WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Secretary, HERBERT J. SELIGMANN, Director of Publicity, JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, Secretary, and WALTER WHITE, Assistant Secretary."

The following information was obtained from the book "The Red Network" written by ELIZABETH DILLING, Communists WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, BENJAMIN GITLOW, SCOTT NEARING, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ROBERT W. DUNN, and their fellow Director NORMAN THOMAS with generous appropriations of $31,552, 1925-1928, $7,365, 1923-1924, and $5,000, 1929-1930 to the NAACP."

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The official report of the Communist Party for the National Convention stated that the Party had penetrated the NAACP. [redacted] was very active in the NAACP.)

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b7C [redacted] is a Socialist Party member, active as well, in Communist affairs and organizations. (See Who's Who).

b7C [redacted] an executive of the NAACP and also a Garland Fund Director has served at the same time in company with most of the Garland Fund Directors on the National Committee of the "Red's Aid Society," the A.C.L.U.

The NAACP emulates the A.C.L.U. among negroes. In fighting for "negro rights" naturally, it has won the friendship of many negroes, themselves opposed to the Red movement who believe it to be a purely altruistic Agency without radical or political motivation. According to a NAACP bulletin dated February 19, 1943, the following are the National officers of this organization:

WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary
ROY WILKINS, Assistant Secretary
DAISY E. LAMPKIN, Field Secretary
THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel
LESLIE PERRY, Administrative Assistant, Washington Bureau
ELLA J. BAKER, Assistant Field Secretary
MADISON S. JONES, JR., Youth Director
ODETTE HARPER, Publicity and Promotion
PRENTICE THOMAS, Assistant Special Counsel

According to an article appearing in the Chicago Defender on January 30, 1943, the Chicago Branch of the NAACP installed its new officers as follows:

OSCAR C. BROWN, President, Manager Ida B. Wells Homes
Atty. GEORGE A. BLAKEY, 1st Vice President
ULYSSES S. KEYS, 2nd Vice President
CHARLES D. MURRAY, Treasurer
CORA M. PATTON, Secretary
SARAH MERCHANT, Assistant Secretary.

Executive Committee

R. WALTER ABERNATHY
ERNESTINE BIGGS
BISHOP JAMES A. BRAY
SIDNEY P. BROWN

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REV. MARY G. EVANS
ALDERMAN BENJAMIN GRANT
EFFIE R. FOSTER
ETHEL M. HILLIARD
WILLIAM HENRY HUFF
CHARLES J. JENKINS
A. C. MAC NEAL
ALONZO M. MERCER
JESSE B. MANN
IRVIN C. MOLLISON
EUGENE O. SHANDS
ROOSEVELT PHILLIPS
JOHN PITTS
WILLIAM H. TEMPLE
C. UDELL TURPIN
IRA W. WILLIAMS
OSCAR WILSON

Youth Council Officers

ROSINE TYLER, President
LORENZO STALLING, Vice President
ALBERTINE NAYLES, Recording Secretary
MARY BELL GOLDEN, Treasurer

Women's Auxilliary

ETHEL M. HILLIARD, President
LUCIE E. THOMPSON, Vice President
MATTIE C. BRAY, Recording Secretary
BEATRICE H. STEELE, Corresponding Secretary
JOSEPHINE T. DANIEL, Treasurer

The "Chicago Defender" in its issue of February 13, 1943, contained the information that the Chicago Branch of the NAACP will hold its third annual All-Chicago Victory Tea at the Parkway Ballroom on March 14, 1943. Serving as chairman is MRS. ETHEL B. ROBERTSON who will be assisted by Mrs. EFFIE R. FOSTER, and MRS. JEAN MC CRAY. The program outlined by the President, OSCAR C. BROWN, included a definite advancement into the Field of Transportation to obtain employment for colored workers as motormen, conductors, bus drivers, ticket sellers, or for any occupation in that industry.

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It is also noted that WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP has a regular column appearing in the "Chicago Defender" entitled "People and Places." u

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January 16, 1941 was National Defense Protest Day for persons of the colored race. The Chicago Branch of the the NAACP held its meeting at the Good Shepherd Congregational Church, 5700 Prairie Avenue. The chief complaint seems to be that the Army and Navy are not permitting negroes to obtain positions of importance; negroes are excluded from jobs in certain plants holding defense contracts. It was stated that the trouble is due to the Unions' refusal to permit negroes to membership.

Reverend HAROLD M. KINGSLEY (negro), Pastor of the Good Shepherd Congregational Church and Reverend JAMES A. BRAY (negro), Bishop Methodist Church, were speakers and stated that negroes were justified in feeling cool toward defense efforts and should be slow in condemning Germany because German Generals were the salvation of the Northern Armies during the latter years of the Civil War and without their help, the North would not have been victorious.

Professor PAUL H. DOUGLASS of the University of Chicago stated that negroes should enjoy equality with whites in the Army and Navy.

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b7D [redacted] reported that a meeting of the NAACP was held on February 16, 1941 at the YMCA, corner of Wabash and 3[illegible]th Streets. The Chairman of this meeting was ROY QUINN and Mr. MADISON JONES, National Chairman of the NAACP was the principle speaker. JONES stated, "We can't continue in the present form of democracy."

BERTTE SILVERMAN spoke on the American Youth Congress Townhall in Washington and told what they had done against negro discrimination. She was accompanied by VICTORIA KRAMER and EUGENT F. VAN WINKLE. [redacted] b7C

b7C ERNEST CALLOWAY [redacted] spoke in regard to his Draft Status. He stated that he had appealed his

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1-A classification on the basis of his social concepts and discrimination and if this didn't work, he would use religion as an escape.

b1 [redacted] reported that the NAACP is a Communist Front Organization in the State of Wisconsin.

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ARTHUR SPINGARN is at present the National President of the NAACP and WALTER WHITE is Executive Secretary. The Informant reported that SINGARN is a Jewish Attorney and that WALTER WHITE is a negro. WALTER WHITE has a daughter, JANE WHITE who has recently been elected President of the House of Representatives at Smith College. The Informant further reported that the "Crisis" Magazine is the official organ of the NAACP and the the following are the officers of this magazine:

RAY WILKINS, Editor
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER, Business Manager

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WILLIAM ALLEN NEILSON
WALTER WHITE
CARL MURPHY
JOHN HAMMOND.

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This magazine is published by the "Crisis" Publishing Company, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dr. LOUIS T. WRIGHT is the President of this publishing company, WALTER WHITE is the Secretary, and Mrs. LILLIAN A. ALEXANDER is the Treasurer. The Informant further stated that R. WALTER ABERNATHY is listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch, is the owner of the Abernathy Clothing Company.

Bishop JAMES A. BRAY is the Bishop of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church in South Chicago. Rev. MARY G. EVANS is the Pastor at the Cosmopolitan Community Church, 51st and Wabash. BENJAMIN GRANT is a former Alderman of the City of Chicago. CHARLES J. JENKINS is a member of the State House of Representatives. IRVIN C. MOLLISON is an Attorney. ROOSEVELT PHILLIPS is the owner of the Filling Station at the corner of 46th and Wabash and C. UDELL TURPIN is associated with the Eighth Regiment at the Armory in Chicago.

The following information was obtained from an article which appeared in the "Chicago Defender" on May 29, 1943:

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Six delegates were elected by the Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP at its monthly meeting to attend a war emergency conference to be held in Detroit June 3 to June 6. This announcement was made by OSCAR C. BROWN, President. The delegates elected were as follows:

OSCAR C. BROWN
MRS. EFFIE R. FOSTER
ULYSSES S. KEYS
A. C. MAC NEAL
IRVIN C. MOLLISON
CHARLES D. MURRAY

The alternate delegates were as follows:

R. WALTER ABERNATHY
WILLIAM HENRY HUFF
JESSE B. MANN
EUGENE O. SHANDS

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IRA W. WILLIAMS
REV. D. DE WITT TURPEAU

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It was also learned that the legal staff of the Local Chapter of the NAACP was composed of State Senator C. C. WIMBISH and Attorney WILLIAM TEMPLE.

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[redacted] This refers to the shooting of ELMO VASSAR on May 13, 1943 in the Morgan Park District by two Police Officers. [redacted] WILLIAM TEMPLE of the NAACP, who resides at [redacted] and whose telephone numbers are [redacted] attended the inquest in behalf of the NAACP.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Washington Bureau of NAACP established June 1, 1942; considered the national association's most important new venture with the principal duty to maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of negroes. Total membership in Washington, D. C. in 1943, was 8000. District of Columbia chapter of NAACP conducted membership drive in February and March, 1944, and total membership became 8075. More white persons enrolled in 1944 than any previous year. Civil rights committee of students branch of NAACP at Howard University on several occasions has organized picket lines in protest against alleged discrimination by white restaurants against negroes. In June, 1944, WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University Law School and former Federal Court Judge in Virgin Islands, became president of District of Columbia chapter of NAACP. Organization more militant as result of his leadership. Association has vigorously supported passage of bill by Congress for permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Generally the organization has injected itself into issues concerning alleged discrimination against negroes in employment, housing facilities, segregation of white and negro blood plasma at the blood donor center, segregation of white and negro veterans in rest centers and hospitals, alleged mistreatment of negroes in the armed forces, and alleged activities of white terrorists in Southern states. Recently, GRANT REYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant of Washington Bureau of NAACP, resigned to take more active part in work of Non-Partisan Council for Abolition of Discrimination in military and veteran affairs. No indication

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that organization is engaged in subversive activity but is active in program of freedom for negroes from alleged discrimination.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 11, 1941, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 1, 1942, the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was established at 100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The establishment of the Washington Bureau was considered as the national association's most important new venture and its duties were as follows:

(1) To maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of the negroes;

(2) To examine the policies of the Federal Departments and Agencies handling the armed services, employment, housing, etc;

(3) To prepare memoranda briefs to sup t good legislation or to oppose bad legislation;

(4) To inform the country on such measures; and

(5) To cooperate with other organizations interested in the same or similar objectives.

At the time the Washington Bureau was established, Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY became its initial president and LESLIE S. PERRY and FRANK D. REEVES were administrative assistants. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE was a vice-president of the national association. She is the president of the National Negro Council for Women at Washington, D. C. On the Board of Directors of the national association are the following persons from Washington, D. C.: WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dr. ELIZABETH YATES [illegible], and FRANCES HARRIET WILLIAMS.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE is chairman of the National Legal Committee and the Washington members of this committee are CHARLES H. HOUSTON, EDWARD P. LOVETT, W. ROBERT MING, Jr., JAMES M. NABRIT, Jr., and LEON A. RANSOM. WILLIAM HASTIE is Dean of the Howard University Law School and was formerly civilian-aide to Secretary of War STIMSON. Prior to his service in that capacity, he acted as a Federal Court Judge in the Virgin Islands.

The head of the legal staff is THURGOOD MARSHALL, whose legal defense work in behalf of the NAACP carried him to all sections of the country during 1942. The national legal committee consists of 29 lawyers, white and colored, in 18 cities. The executive secretary of the national organization is WALTER WHITE and the assistant secretary is ROY WILKINS, who is also editor of "The Crisis", the official organ of the NAACP since 1910.

A chronological resume of the diversified activities of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP since its inception, are set forth as follows:

December, 1942:

The NAACP renewed the fight against the poll tax at the fall opening of the 78th Congress. The stand taken by the association was the abolition of the poll tax in eight Southern states.

January, 1943:

The association directed Secretary of War STIMSON's attention to discrimination against negroes in armed forces.

February, 1943:

Judge WILLIAM H. HASTIE, chairman of the radio committee of the local branch of the NAACP was appointed as the key worker in the 1943 membership drive of the local branch. It is to be noted that on January 31, 1943, HASTIE resigned his position as civilian aid to the Secretary of War in protest against the unfair treatment of the negroes by the armed forces as alleged by him.

March, 1943:

Local NAACP requests larger representation of colored people on public agencies. A resolution expressing opposition to the proposed establishment of a second all colored fire department station house was unanimously adopted.

April, 1943:

Civic Rights Committee sponsored by the Howard University chapter of the NAACP began an intensive campaign to urge passage of the BARBOUR-POWELL Equal Rights Law for the District of Columbia. In line with this campaign, Howard University students picketed several local restaurants as a result of their refusal to serve colored persons.

July, 1943:

The District of Columbia branch of the NAACP inaugurated a series of membership meetings aimed at the organization of NAACP clubs in Washington schools, churches, and other institutions. There was continued pressure on Congressmen for passage of the pending Civil Rights Bill for the District of Columbia.

August, 1943:

The District branch of the NAACP viewed the opening of the Hearthstone War Workers Club at 1703 - 11th Street, N. W. as a major defeat for Democracy in that it extended the pattern of segregation.

January, 1944:

WALTER WHITE of the NAACP asserted that the increased efforts by Communists to spread their doctrines among the colored people should serve as a warning to the Democratic and Republican parties who have been "using the negro as a political football". He pointed out that recently schools in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles had come under Communist control.

AUDREY ROSS was elected vice-president of the NAACP Youth Council in Washington, D. C. and BEATRICE HOLLOMON was elected assistant secretary. EARL RIDDLE, Youth Council President, named committee members who were to deal with problems facing the council and community.

The annual report of the NAACP revealed that the membership of the District of Columbia chapter of the association for 1943, was 5010.

RUTH L. HARVEY was elected president of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP and other officers elected were as follows:

AUGUSTA GOLDEN, Vice-President;
CARRIE BRADY, Secretary;
GLORIA FOSTER, Assistant Secretary;
BLANCHE WELLS, Treasurer;
ANDREW ROSS, Reporter; and
JOSEPH HOWARD, Chairman of the Civil Rights Committee.

Four major objectives for the year were decided upon by the NAACP Youth Council as follows:

(1) Demand by negro governmental clientele of respect and equal opportunities on the job;

(2) Education of negro business men in respect demanded of and given to his customers;

(3) Promote wholesome recreational activities for war workers and service people; and

(4) Support legislation favoring the Civil Liberties Bill for the District of Columbia.

EUGENE DAVIDSON was appointed chairman of the 1944 Membership Campaign of the Washington NAACP. He was formerly administrator of the New Negro Alliance and was then employed as assistant director of field operations of the Fair Employment Practices Committe.

February, 1944:

It was asserted that the annual membership drive by the NAACP was offering Washington teachers an opportunity to help thousands of teachers in the South and through them thousands of students.

May, 1944:

It was announced by Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY, president of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP that the annual membership campaign which started on February 12, 1944, had reached an enrollment of 8075, with contributions and membership fees totaling $11,913.7[illegible] Dr. GRAY stated that the NAACP which is a bi-racial organization had enrolled more white persons in 1944 than in any previous year. The membership goal was to secure 10,000 members in Washington, D. C. in 1944.

Howard University students identified with the Civil Rights Committee of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP, picketed Thompson's Restaurant at 1109 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., in protest against a refusal of the restaurant to serve negroes. Spokesmen for the group contended that they had no special grievance against that particular restaurant nor the Thompson firm, but that the protest was instituted because there are very few downtown restaurants in Washington, D. C. where negroes are allowed to eat.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel, and WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Chairman of the National Legal Committee of the NAACP, declared that all NAACP branches in the South had been advised to file complaints with United States Attorneys where negroes were barred from voting in the primaries.

It had been rumored that Dr. MORDECAI JOHNSON, president of Howard University, had ordered the Civil Rights Committee, the student's branch of the NAACP, disbanded at the University because it would open the University to attack by reactionary Congressmen in whose hands Howard University's appropriations rest from year to year. However, the national negro press association reported that Dr. JOHNSON had expressed a sympathetic attitude for what the students had been endeavoring to accomplish with some success but he felt that the same results could be achieved without the students making use of the University's name in their operations.

June, 1944:

Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY as president of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, was succeeded in that capacity by WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University Law School. It was expected that as a result of the new leadership of WILLIAM H. HASTIE the local group would become more militant in character. It was noted that the District of Columbia chapter of the organization had given its full support to the program started by the Howard University branch of the NAACP in picketing restaurants in the downtown area demanding interracial service. It was understood that the majority of the Howard University faculty approved of the ideas expressed by the group but opposed the activity on the ground that it might bring the University into disrepute among members of Congress. Reverend GRAY resigned his position as president in order to accept a pastorate in Chicago.

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July, 1944:

The NAACP pointed out that the Fair Employment Practices Committee fund was a very small part of the total amount that Congress voted this year for the war and operation of the Government and the NAACP vigorously urged the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote favorably on the Fair Employment Practices Committee item in the National War Agencies appropriation bill for 1945.

GRANT REYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant in the Washington office of the NAACP, assumed such capacity to succeed LESLIE PERRY who was transferred to the New York office of the association to occupy a similar position. A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mr. REYNOLDS did college work in New York University before studying theology at Eden Theological Seminary in Oberlin. He entered the United States Army Chaplain Corps two years ago and served three consecutive terms as president of the Cleveland NAACP branch.

In a letter to Mr. PAUL V. McNUTT, Director of War Manpower Commission, the discriminatory practices of the USES were assailed by the Washington Bureau of the NAACP. The letter demanded that McNUTT order all of his field officers to cease requiring negro job seekers to use separate entrances or to be interviewed in segregated quarters or to fill requisitions of employers who seek workers by racial description.

August, 1944:

EARL J. AMEDEE, NAACP Youth Council Delegate to the NAACP war time conference in Chicago, stated that the District of Columbia groups resolution proposing the establishment of a national planning and advisory committee of local NAACP Youth Councils, had been adopted by the war time conference. The resolution calls for a Youth Council Planning and Advisory Committee that would be composed of representatives of the local youth groups in college chapters.

September, 1944:

The executive board of the NAACP decided to set up a permanent housing committee as a result of the public attention focused on the critical colored housing shortage in Washington, D. C. The personnel of the committee were to be chosen at the October meeting of the board

The Washington Branch of the NAACP was one of the sponsors of a mass meeting staged on September 4, 1944, at the Blood Donors Center, Acacia Building, 51 Louisiana Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. to protest the segregation of white and negro blood plasma. This was a peaceful meeting which, after about one hour, was disbursed by the Metropolitan Police because the group had not obtained a license from the District for such demonstration. WILLIAM H. HASTIE was the leader of this demonstration and in the October issue of "The Crisis", he assailed the deplorable spectacle of the use of the combined authority of the District of Columbia police and the Federal authority through the national park police in preventing a meeting which was particularly inspired for the purpose of increasing interest in blood donations for the armed services.

October, 1944:

The NAACP, the AMA Non-Partisan Council, and a group of prominent New York citizens were among those who protested to the president the anticipated plan of the Army for the establishment of separate re-distribution stations for white and colored overseas veterans returning to the States. The negro press carried statements to the effect that Major General SOMERVELL was being blamed for the decision of segregation by the Army.

WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, revealed that in the near future he intended to go to India. This announcement came after a conference in which he and two other negroes participated with the President.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special NAACP Counsel, arrived by plane in San Francisco, California to assist in the civilian defense of the 50 negro sailors charged with mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at the Mare Island Depot on August 9, 1944.

The Standard Oil Company, part of whose building in Washington, D. C. is leased to government agencies including the Fair Employment Practices Committee, was being urged to end discrimination in the canteen operated in the building by a private lessee who allegedly had refused to serve colored people or whites seen with them and the NAACP has exhibited an interest in the elimination of this discrimination.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE, NAACP President, sent a letter to Major General FREDERICK COLEMAN, Superintendent, of Soldiers Home Hospital, and in that letter HASTIE protested discrimination through segregation of negro veterans.

Accompanied by representatives of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, J. LEO HARDY, one of the citizens of New Iberia, Louisiana who were allegedly beaten and driven from their homes on May 16, 1944, had two lengthy conversations with VICTOR W. ROTNEM, Chief of the Civil Rights Section at the Department of Justice, in which it was urged that the Department begin immediate prosecution of white terrorists in New Iberia.

Letters protesting the dismissal of Mrs. BERTHA BERMAN, white dietician in charge of the 11 colored people from the Statler Hotel were sent to S. [illegible], President of the American Civil Liberties Union, National Lawyers Guild, Workers Defense League, and others. The local NAACP requesting that the letters be sent following dismissal of Mrs. BERMAN early in August for eating with the colored group, has demanded that Mrs. BERMAN be reinstated.

It was announced that GRANT REYNOLDS for two years a chaplain in the United States Army, and more recently an administrative assistant in the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, had resigned his post in order to participate more actively in the work of the Non-Partisan Council for the Abolition of Discrimination in Military and Veteran Affairs. In his letter of resignation, he charged that the government continuously indicates its unwillingness to protect colored veterans and soldiers against humiliation, abuse, and outright mob violence.

Discriminatory practices by the proprietor of a restaurant and canteen in the building housing offices of the Fair Employment Practices Committee and other Federal agencies were vigorously protested during the last week of October, 1944, by the NAACP in a letter to the Standard Oil Company, owner of the premises at 821 Constitution Avenue, N. W. The NAACP urges that all patrons and interested citizens mail in protests now against the renewal of a lease to a tenant occupying said premises participating in such un-American practices.

The NAACP has issued a statement praising the recently announced policy of the Navy to admit negro women into the WAVES and expressed the hope that the negro WAVES will be integrated into existing units rather than into Jim Crow Units.

Addressing a meeting of the Americans United for World Organization in the State Department during the latter part of October, 1944, Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS, Director of the NAACP's Bureau of Research, declared that the Dumbarton Oaks Conference on the future world peace organization depressed him as a result of its passing over the matter of colonies in its deliberations. Other negroes attending the meeting in the State Department were WILLIAM H. HASTIE of the NAACP, and Mrs. MARY BETHUNE President of the National Council of Negro Women. In reference to the meeting, Mr. HASTIE observed that in inviting negro groups to participate, a small and wholesome beginning had been made toward recognition.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE denied the report that he had resigned from the National Citizens Political Action Committee.

Under the auspices of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP and cooperating organizations, a mass meeting was held in Washington, D. C. on October 22, 1944, to urge support for the passage of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee act by Congress. There were several speakers at this meeting, all of whom urged the advisability of the necessity for such legislation. The meeting was attended by approximately 700 people and about 90% of those present were negroes. This constituted the most recent activity of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP with a broad scope.

Inasmuch as investigation has not disclosed any activity on the part of this organization which is subversive in nature, this case is being closed subject to being reopened after consideration of future activity of the organization.

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DETAILS: For purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth in this report be referred to as the NAACP; in like manner, the Communist Party as the CP and the Communist Political Association as the CPA.

All Informants utilized in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

The CP and CPA have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Organization

Origin

From a pamphlet publicly distributed by the NAACP entitled "How The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began", a history was obtained. This pamphlet was made available by

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The NAACP was born when MARY WHITE OVINGTON, its first member, met with WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, a columnist, during the first week of January, 1909, in a small room of a New York apartment.

The first conference was held on the evening of May 30, 1909, at Cooper Union, New York City. Over 1000 guests were invited and the initial conference was considered a success.

It was not until the second conference held in May, 1910, that the group organized a permanent body to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its first officers were listed as follows:

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MOORFIELD STOREY, National President;
WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, Chairman of the Executive Committee;
JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, Treasurer;
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, Disbursing Treasurer;
FRANCES BLASCOER, Executive Secretary;
Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, Director of Publicity and Research

In November of 1910, the first edition of the NAACP magazine "The Crisis" was printed with Dr. DU BOIS as its editor.

[redacted] Dr. DU BOIS was known to the Informant to be a member of the CP as of 1945. b2 b7D

Stated Aims and Objectives

A review of the Certificate of Incorporation at the Hall of Records, New York County, Clerk's Office, on May 11, 1954, revealed that the NAACP filed its Certificate for Incorporation under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws on June 19, 1911.

The principal objects for which the Corporation was formed are:

To promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To advance the interest of colored citizens.

To secure for them impartial sufferage.

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action

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thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted, shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the city, County, and State of New York; but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be 30. The names and places of residence of the persons to be Directors of the Corporation until its first annual meeting were as follows:

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New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. MARY CHURCH TERRELL, 326 T. Street,
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Rev. J. MILTON WALDRON, 1334 V Street,
Washington, D.C.

A Certificate of Increase of Directors for the NAACP was filed on March 31, 1919 increasing the number of Directors to 40.

An additional Certificate was filed July 14, 1941, resolving that the number of Directors shall be not less than 30 and not more than 48.

National Headquarters

According to the current listing of the Manhattan Telephone Directory, the NAACP National

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Offices are located at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

Officers for 1954

[redacted] made available a list of National Officers, Executive Officers and Board of Directors for the year 1954 as follows:

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(C)u [redacted] the officers of the NAACP are elected annually and for the most part offer their services with no compensation. According to this informant, the NAACP operates approximately 1000 branches throughout 40 of the 48 United States. b2, b7d

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It is to be noted that the National Council of American Soviet Friendship was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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u¢ - [redacted] he knew MARY MC LEOD BETHUNE as a noted Negro editor. According to this informant, Mrs. BETHUNE worked with the Communists for some years in such institutions as the Southern Negro Youth Congress and eventually became an adherent of the CP. The informant stated that there is some doubt as to whether Mrs. BETHUNE has continued this close association in the receent past.

The Southern Negro Yough Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

¢u [redacted] was listed as a sponsor for the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. b2, b7D b7C

¢u [redacted] sighed an appeal to former President TRUMAN asking him to grant amnesty to the convicted CP leaders. b2, b7D b7C

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According to the National Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, dated April 25, 1951, page 54, the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives evolved from a Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact and its purpose was to further the cause of "Communists in the United States", doing "their part in the Moscow campaign."

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(U) According to [redacted] another Governmental Agency which conducts security investigations, [redacted] b2 b7C

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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1950, as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the CP, its front organizations, and controlled unions", and which "since its inception has

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never failed to rally to the legal defense of the CP and individual members thereof including known espionage agents."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 7, 1942, page 2, column 3, contained remarks from THEODORE SPAULDING, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP, paying tribute to the Soviet Union on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

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The November, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" contained an article entitled "The NAACP Convention" by

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one HUGH BRADLEY. The article is an extract from the report on Negro Work delivered at a National Conference of the CP.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case "U.S. vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al", on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

The article pays tribute to the NAACP as the most important Negro organization dedicated to the fight for Negro equality.

In the past, states the article, the NAACP has witnessed a consistent and steady growth in the influence not only among the Negro people, but in the labor movement and among other progressive strata of Americans. It is increasingly becoming a coordinating center for all major organizations among the Negro people and the pivot for the furtherance of the Negro-Labor Alliance. The NAACP has over 200,000 members, reflecting all classes among Negroes and representing the struggle towards unity of the Negro people. At the same time, it typifies the continued dominance of Negro life by the Negro petty bourgoisie.

According to the article, these factors were strongly revealed at the 44th National Convention of the NAACP held in St. Louis, Missouri, in June of 1953. The convention was held against the background of a new political situation in the country, following closely upon the advent of the Eisenhower Administration. It convened at a time when the hope for peace was rising in the hearts of humanity everywhere, but when, at the same time, the pro-Fascist offensive of the Mc Carthyites had already marked menacing proportions, and when the reign of terror against the Negro people continued unabated. Manifestly, the Negro people were looking to this convention for clear leadership on the vital issues facing them, and expected a call for united and militant action in their behalf.

The convention lived up to this expectation by adopting a general progressive program on such questions as compulsory FEPC, housing, and an end to Jim Crow in education and in the railroad industry. The delegates associated themselves with the growing movement against Mc Carthyism, calling an end to the book-burning, taking a forthright stand in defense of academic freedom, and demanding a revision of the Mc Carran - Walter Immigration Act, as well as revision of the Loyalty Program. A positive stand was taken in defense of the labor movement; there was a call for Labor-Negro collaboration and the branches and their members were urged to work with the unions in their community.

In arguing persuasively for greater Negro-Labor cooperation, a resolution was adopted at the convention which pointed out:

"Organized labor is an important pioneer center in American life today. The support and cooperation of the American Labor Movement for the Civil Rights Program of the NAACP is extremely important and in certain situations perhaps even decisive. We urge our branches and state conferences whenever possible to seek the support of responsible trade unions for measures that we favor and in turn give our support to such measures supported by organized labor as are consistent with our policy and program."

The program on Foreign Policy adopted by the convention also showed an advance. While still weak in several respects, it represents an important departure from that of the 43rd Convention. In contrast to the almost 100% endorsement of the Truman Foreign Policy a year ago, this convention refused to give such blanket support to the Dulles-Eisenhower conduct of foreign affairs.

The 44th Convention urged the planning and execution of a Civil Rights mobilization in Washington, D.C., and voted to welcome "in the mobilization, the cooperation and support of bona fide organizations genuinely at one with us on our stated objective".

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Another important feature was the militant participation of the youth and the overwhelming support given to the Youth Program by the adult delegates. The convention launched a program to rid America of Jim Crow and to win the total integration of Negroes by 1963, the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The article revealed that there were serious weaknesses which evolved from the 44th Convention deliberations. Certain negative and harmful resolutions were adopted which run counter to the progressive and positive ones, and which can only be harmful to the Negro movement.

The article criticized the closing address to the Convention delivered by Mr. WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. The address was characterized throughout by a fawning attitude which called for complete confidence in and support for the Eisenhower Administration, an administration whose policies are generating further anti Negro measures in the country. WHITE stated that EISENHOWER is an unwilling prisoner of his own cabinet, his party and Congress, and, if the President has failed to do more on the Negro question, it is because he "has been so absorbed with war and foreign problems."

In addition to surrendering to the Eisenhower Administration on the Negro question, WALTER WHITE'S address included an orgy of Red-baiting and anti-Communist slander that is rare even for these times. According to the author, WHITE falsely proclaimed that war and Communism are the two factors which plague the modern world. WHITE stated, "We don't want the Communists running our affairs."

In addition, the article depicted that at no time did the convention approve of Mr. WHITE'S pro-Eisenhower speech, and it was the opinion of many observers that a majority of the delegates were definitely opposed to the Eisenhower Administration. The address by

WHITE was additionally characterized as "the major weakness and most negative feature of the 44th Convention of the NAACP". The capitulation by the top leadership to the Eisenhower Administration and the orgy of Red-baiting never before was equalled in any Negro gathering.

The author furnishes an explanation for the inconsistent and contradictory policy adopted by the convention - a policy which calls at the same time for struggle and surrender, for anti-Mc Carthyism and Red-baiting, for support to the National Independence Movement of Africans and Condemnation of Mau Mau "Violence". The answer is found in the composition of the convention and its leadership, made up of the Negro middle class and petty bourgoisie.

The article concludes by stating that the Negro workers in the main were absent; progressives and Communists, in the main, were absent. Therefore, the reformist leadership of WALTER WHITE was not basically challenged and he maintained an iron-fist control over every aspect of the deliberations. The negative features of the convention constituted a prime example of the vacillating role being played today by the Negro petty bourgoisie and of the continuing subordination of the Negro workers to the bourgoisie in the Negro Liberation Movement.

The programs adopted by the NAACP and other major Negro organizations reflect the striving for unity on the part of the Negro people. The fight for jobs and FEPC, Negro representation and right-to-vote movement in the South are indicative of unification.

The February, 1954 edition of "Political Affairs" carried an article entitled "On The Slogan Free By '63" by ABNER W. BERRY.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 7, 1952, page 2, column 5, reported that ABNER W. BERRY is a Negro affairs editor of the "Daily Worker".

It is to be noted the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

The article referred to in "Political Affairs" above reveals that the slogan was adopted at the 44th Annual Convention of the NAACP. To accompany this slogan, there was to be "a 10 year crusade" for freedom, which would be a summary of a program of action for Negro rights.

The article continued by referring a great deal to excerpts from the report to the National Conference of the CP by HUGH BRADLEY.

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In view of the recent United States Supreme Court decision regarding segregation in the American Public Schools, [redacted]

STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts by the CP, USA, to infiltrate the NAACP. The information is submitted geographically by states and territories.

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At Birmingham

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The informant advised that he is positive that the Communists have not infiltrated the NAACP in Birmingham at the present time. ~~C~~U

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He stated that to the best of his recollection he believes that both [redacted] and [redacted] are just nominal members of the NAACP and he is certain that they wielded very little influence in the organization. Informant recalls that [redacted] and [redacted] attended some of the large open meetings of the NAACP in Birmingham and tried to pass various resolutions. He also stated that he does recall that their efforts did not meet with success. ~~C~~U

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U~~C~~ [redacted] advised that he knows of no Communist infiltration in the NAACP at Birmingham or the immediate vicinity at the present time.

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At Mobile

Reliable informants and sources advised that there is no indication of current attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in the Mobile territory.

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At Anchorage

The January 16, 1954 issue of the "Alaska Spotlight", a Negro newspaper, contained the now officers of the Anchorage chapter of the NAACP, who were installed on January 15, 1954. This list of officers included GEORGE TALTON as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

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At Fairbanks

u [redacted] another Government Agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, advised that a charter was granted to a Fairbanks chapter of the NAACP on April 30, 1953. This Informant also made available a list of officers of this chapter.

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advised on April 12, 1954, that the officers of the NAACP in 1954 were identical as in 1953

Reliable sources reported that none of the officers of the Fairbanks Chapter were identified to be members or former members of the CP.

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Arizona

At Phoenix

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u ~~✗~~ [redacted] advised that a new chapter of the NAACP had been formed in the Tempe-Okemah area. According to this informant, this new chapter is a reorganization of the original Okemah, Arizona Chapter.

Aims and Objectives

u ~~✗~~ [redacted] another Governmental Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, advised in April, 1944 that a leaflet had been distributed by the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP, Phoenix, Arizona, stating the purpose of the Maricopa Council, NAACP. The purposes are set forth as follows:

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To educate America to accord full rights and opportunities to Negroes, to fight injustice in courts when based on race prejudices, to pass protective legislation in state and nation and divert discriminatory bills. To secure the vote for Negroes and teach its proper use; to stimulate the cultural life of Negroes; to stop lynchings.

CP Activities As Related to NAACP in Arizona

Phoenix Branch

X U [redacted] another Governmental Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, advised that u X on October 26, 1943 a meeting of the Phoenix Chapter of the NAACP was held with approximately 200 people in attendance. According to the Informant, only 3 CP members were in attendance at this meeting. Informant further advised that the CP members present at the meeting did not make any effort to have CP ideas brought up at this meeting. X

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u X [redacted] advised that he was aware of the fact that members of the CP were making attempts b2 b7D to infiltrate the Phoenix Chapter. Informant further advised that the officials and leaders of the Phoenix Chapter were taking all precautions in an effort to overcome the influence of the CP members who were also members of the NAACP.

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u ¢ [redacted] that a new chapter of the NAACP organization had been formed in the Tempe-Okemah, Arizona area. The new group is made up of approximately 200 people and is headed by Mrs. R.B. PHILLIPS. The Informant is of the opinion that no CP members have infiltrated this group and Mrs. PHILLIPS and Dr. R.B. PHILLIPS are against CP infiltration of the NAACP.

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Tucson Branch

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u ¢ [redacted] the Tucson Branch was divided into two groups, one group advocated principles of the CP, and another group was opposed to the CP. The Informant opined that it is the policy of the CP in Tucson to infiltrate and eventually control the NAACP Chapter located at Tucson.

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[redacted] Informant stated that the leaders of the faction advocating the policies of the CP were not present at this meeting, and from all indications, apparently had abandoned their efforts in any attempt to control the Tucson Branch. ¢ u

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Flagstaff Branch

An issue of the "Arizona Sun" newspaper in January, 1952, listed the officers of the Flagstaff

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At San Francisco

Officers and CP Connections

Of the 41 officers listed for the various NAACP Branches in Northern California, 8 have been reported to be affiliated with the CP or CP front groups at various times. Of these 8, 2 are reported to now be anti-Communist and an additional 3 are no longer officers of the NAACP, 1 having been forced out of his position by NAACP leadership.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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It is to be noted that the National Negro Labor Council, the California Labor School and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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At Denver, Colorado

Denver Branch

President of the Denver Branch is ALBERT S. FISHER. As of October 11, 1948 the letterhead of the Progressive Party of Colorado continued to list ALBERT S. FISHER as Vice President. b7C

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X u The first Vice President of the Denver Branch is ANTHONY MORTON. [redacted] b2 b7D

On July 10, 1945 the edition of the "Daily Worker" identified ANTHONY MORTON as chairman of the Harriette Tubman Club of the CPA.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is National Chairman of the CP, USA.

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Colorado Springs Branch

The Secretary of the Colorado Springs Branch is NONA RUTH STODART.

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[redacted] reported in February, 1950, that the infiltration of the NAACP had become a Communist objective.

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New Britain, Connecticut

[redacted] reported in December, 1951 that a group of individuals were members of the NAACP in New Britain whom the informant considered to be CP members. [redacted]

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An article appeared in the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper, issue of February 2, 1953, showing the new officers of the New Haven Chapter of the NAACP. Included in the lists of members of the executive committee was the name of SOL FRIEDLER.

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Stamford, Connecticut

SAMUEL GRUBER, according to an issue of the "Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper, is a member of the executive committee.

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The same issue of the January 11, 1954 "Stamford Advocate" listed CHARLES MITCHELL as Vice President of the Stamford Chapter of the NAACP.

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Delaware

At Baltimore, Maryland

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District of Columbia

At Washington, D. C.

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The canvass of other informants familiar with CP activities failed to reflect any Communist infiltration in the Washington, D. C. NAACP Branch.

Florida

At Miami, Florida

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At Tampa, Florida

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According to the above informants, the Miami and Tampa chapters are the only chapters in Florida of the NAACP in which the CP has ever shown any interest.

Georgia

At Atlanta, Georgia

A canvass of reliable informants failed to reflect any infiltration in the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta area on the part of the CP.

At Savannah, Georgia

Reliable established informants of the Savannah Division advised that there is no evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

Hawaii

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Informants and reliable sources reveal that the NAACP has not been in existence in Hawaii since it disbanded in 1949.

Idaho

At Butte, Montana

A survey reflects that there is no chapter of the NAACP in the state of Idaho.

Illinois

U At Chicago, Illinois

U [redacted] that the membership for the year 1953 for the NAACP branches in and surrounding Chicago was 3,650. b2 b7D

U [redacted] advised that one CHARLES P. HOWARD was a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter of the NAACP.

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[redacted] there are presently 22 branches of the NAACP, constituting approximately 1,974 members, presently operating within territories in the Springfield Division.

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No information has been revealed indicating any CP infiltration of any of the remaining NAACP branches located in the territory of the Springfield Division.

Indiana

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana State officers of NAACP are not known to be CP members or sympathizers, [redacted] b7C

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Local NAACP Branches

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At the Indiana State convention there were delegates representing sixteen branches. Of the sixteen branches, attempts by the CP to infiltrate had been noted in the following branches: Indianapolis, Gary, South Bend, and Evansville.

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Indianapolis Branch

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South Bend Branch

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Evansville Branch

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informant related that several CP members at that time joined the NAACP, but had not been successful in infiltrating its policy. To the best of the informant's knowledge, there is presently no CP attempt in Evansville to infiltrate the NAACP.

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Iowa

At Omaha, Nebraska

Local chapters of the NAACP are located in Burlington, Ottumwa, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and Waterloo, Iowa. There is no indication of any CP domination, control or infiltration of these locals or branches.

Kansas

At Kansas City

X U [redacted] advised that the Kansas City NAACP Branch is the largest and most important chapter in the area of Kansas City. The informant stated that to the best of his recollection, there was no indication of any CP infiltration in the Kansas City branch or any other branch in the vicinity of Kansas City. b2 b7D

Kentucky

At Louisville, Kentucky

Officers

Of the officers listed for the Louisville chapter for 1954, Mr. MAURICE ROBERTSON is included as a member of the Executive Board. X U

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Membership

The following individuals are members of the Louisville Branch NAACP: ANNE BRADEN, CARL BRADEN, BEATRICE PEARSON, HENRY RHINE, MERCEDES RHINE, MAURICE ROBERTSON (previously mentioned as Executive Board member), and REGINA ROBERTSON.

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CP Interest in Plans for Infiltrating the Louisville Branch

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CP Use of NAACP Through Other Groups

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The LANLC has made several approaches, [redacted] [redacted] to the Louisville Branch of the NAACP soliciting the cooperation of the latter organization on various projects. The national headquarters of the NAACP has flatly condemned the NNLC and has prohibited any association or cooperation on the part of the NAACP with the NNLC.

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Maine

At Boston, Massachusetts

According to Boston informants, who are in a position to know of the activities of the Communist groups in the area of Boston and territories covered by the Boston Division, there is no evidence of any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine.

Maryland

At Baltimore, Maryland

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At Boston, Massachusettes

According to Boston informants, who are familiar with CP activities, there is no indication of any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Massachusettes.

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At Detroit, Michigan

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The June 6, 1953 issue of the "Michigan Chronicle", a Detroit Negro weekly newspaper, on page one, column four, reports that the Detroit Branch of the NAACP regained first place as the organization's largest unit in the country. At the official closing of the recruiting program, the Branch had enrolled 8,200 members.

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The January 2, 1954 issue of the "Michigan Chronicle", page one, column 7, lists the 1954 officers of the local NAACP. The first Vice President is HORACE A. WHITE, [redacted] b2 b7D

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[redacted] the CP had been particularly unsuccessful in local NAACP infiltration.

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Minnesota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scope and Organizational Structure

X U [redacted] the NAACP in Minnesota consists of approximately 1,450 members and has three branches located in the area of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, Minnesota. b2 b7D

Subversive Ramifications

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X U [redacted] there has been no recent apparent organized effort by the CP to infiltrate local Twin Cities' Branches of the NAACP, and the organization's officials are generally well aware of the "leftist sympathies" of the few individuals who continue to be active and on the alert to any radical proposals which would not advantageously promote the NAACP Program. b2, b7D

SWP Infiltration in NAACP

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Mississippi

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Reliable informants in the New Orleans area have furnished no information indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the southern district of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

Reliable informants in the Memphis area have furnished no information indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the northern district of Mississippi.

Missouri

At Kansas City

Reliable sources and informants have reported no Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Kansas City area.

At St. Louis

Reliable sources and confidential informants have reported no Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the St. Louis area.

Montana

At Butte

There are only two active chapters of the NAACP in Montana, which are located in Butte and Billings. Reliable sources have furnished no evidence of attempts by the Communist Party to infiltrate these chapters.

Nebraska

At Omaha

The only local chapters of the NAACP in the State of Nebraska are located in Lincoln and Omaha.

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Lincoln, Nebraska

[redacted] advised that the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of the NAACP has been inactive for the past year but that the officers of the Lincoln chapter are all believed to be loyal, reputable persons. This informant stated that this chapter never had over 75 members but no more than about 12 members would attend meetings. Informant has no knowledge that there ever has been an attempt on the part of the Communist Party to infiltrate the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of the NAACP. Cu

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Omaha, Nebraska

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Cu [redacted] advised that to the best of [redacted] knowledge there has been no Communist Party infiltration into the Omaha chapter of the NAACP. In addition, [redacted] stated that the majority of the people [redacted] are people of good standing in the community. The informant advised that none of the officers of the chapter were connected with the Communist Party [redacted]

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Nevada

At Salt Lake City, Utah

Reliable informants in the Salt Lake City area have reported no information indicating Communist infiltration in the NAACP in the state of Nevada.

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New Hampshire

At Boston, Massachusetts

Reliable informants and sources of the Boston Division have furnished no indication of Communist Party infiltration of the NAACP in the State of New Hampshire.

New Jersey

At Newark, New Jersey

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At New Brunswick, New Jersey

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The February 18, 1952 issue of the "Albuquerque Tribune" carried an article stating that the Albuquerque branch of the NAACP was on record against Communism and its practices. The article further stated that the group, headed by HOBART LA GRONE, adopted a resolution at a meeting on February 17, 1952 which made revocation of membership mandatory for anyone or any group in the NAACP found to have Communist Party ideologies.

[redacted] informed that HOBART LA GRONE, State President of the NAACP and EDWARD L. BOYD, State Treasurer, had been alerted for possible Communist influences, particularly so that the NAACP would not fall for or sponsor any possible Communists and thus give the NAACP a bad name or reputation. b2, b7D

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At Albany, New York

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At Schenectady, New York

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At Syracuse, New York

On February 14, 1954 [redacted] advised that the local chapter of the NAACP had a membership of about one hundred. The following six individuals are members:

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At Utica, New York

No information of interest reported.

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At Buffalo, New York

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Informants and reliable sources at Buffalo currently report no known Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in the Buffalo Division. It is generally agreed by the informants that the Communist Party has expressed interest in dominating and influencing the NAACP locally.

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At New York City, New York

New York County, New York

The "New York Age" edition of June 2, 1951, page 3, column 4 contained an article entitled "White, NAACP, hits 'Red' Tag." LINDSAY H. WHITE, President of the New York branch, NAACP, stated in the article:

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"The New York branch is, and never has been peopled or controlled by the Communist Party." WHITE'S remarks were made in retaliation to FREDERICK WOLTMAN'S comments in the "New York World Telegram and Sun" inferring that the New York branch, NAACP was Communist infiltrated.

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It is to be noted that WALTER WHITE is the national executive secretary of the NAACP.

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It is to be noted that BEN DAVIS is a former Councilman, Borough of Manhattan and is presently incarcerated in the United States penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana for conviction under the Smith Act of 1940.

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Officers

The "New York Amsterdam News" page 3, column 6, edition of January 30, 1954 contained an article entitled "Install Officials of New York NAACP." The officers were listed as follows:

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RUSSELL P. CRAWFORD, President
ODELL CLARK, Vice-President
Miss WINNIFRED NORMAN, Secretary
CEDRIC CLARK, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. ALONCITA FLOOD, Treasurer

X u [redacted] made available a pamphlet distributed publicly, entitled "The Forgotten People" published by the New York Conference of the NAACP branches. This booklet listed the following officers and executive committee members for the New York State Conference of the NAACP branches: b2 b7D

Officers

EFFIE GORDON, Rye, New York, President
O. C. TURNER, East White Plains, New York, Treasurer.

Executive Committee

Mrs. EFFIE GORDON, Rye, New York, President
EDWARD GAMAREKIAN, Scotia, New York, First Vice-President.
Doctor BENJAMIN BULLOCK, JR., Niagara Falls, Second Vice-President.
Miss JENNIE R. REED, Poughkeepsie, New York, Assistant Secretary.
Mrs. CATHERINE SMITH, Massapequa, New York, Director of Education.
HARRY A. VODERY, Albany, New York, Legislation.
THOMAS A. BROOKS, Staten Island, New York, Finance.
Miss DAWN FORCE, Troy, New York, Secretary
O. C. TURNER, East White Plains, New York, Treasurer.
JAWN A. SANDIFER, New York City, Legal Counsel

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At Queens County, New York

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It is to be noted that JACKSON died on March 29, 1953.

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At Nassau County, New York

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The "Daily Worker" of November 3, 1952, page 8, column 1, identifies STANLEY FAULKNER as a Congressional candidate for the Second District of New York on the American Labor Party (ALP) ticket.

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It is to be noted that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was organized to defend ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who were tried, convicted and on June 19, 1953 executed for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States.

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The National Lawyer's Guild has been previously characterized in this report.

At Richmond County, New York

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At Rockland County, New York

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At Suffolk County, New York

[redacted] this branch was organized in 1950 and since that time there have been attempts on the part of certain individuals to infiltrate the Amityville branch. This informant stated that these individuals have been known to be active in the local ALP and furnished the following names:

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These individuals were described by the informant as active members in the ALP and are currently attempting to direct the activities of the local NAACP chapter. U

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According to the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated March 3, 1951, released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, the ALP is described as follows:

"For years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor

Party but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1944, page 78.)

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North Carolina

At Charlotte, North Carolina

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The above informants know of no other Communists who are officers in the NAACP in Durham, North Carolina.

North Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

There is no NAACP branch located in the State of North Dakota, (according to [redacted] u b2, b7D

Ohio

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Reliable informants and sources of the Cincinnati Division report no information reflecting Communist Party

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control or domination of the Cincinnati, Columbus or Dayton, Ohio branches of the NAACP.

At Cleveland, Ohio

The "Cleveland Plain Dealer" issue of September 28, 1953 indicated that the then current principal officers of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP were Doctor JAMES E. LEVY, President and CHARLES P. LUCAS, Executive Secretary.

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(PETIS PERRY has been convicted in New York City for violation of the Smith Act.)

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(FRIEDA KATZ was indicted for the Federal Grand Jury on November 6, 1953 for violation of the Smith Act and is currently awaiting trial.)

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Oklahoma

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

There is no evidence of any Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in Oklahoma.

Oregon

At Portland, Oregon

Reliable informants report that at the present time there is no Communist Party infiltration of the Portland chapter of the NAACP and further that no attempts at infiltration have been made by the Communist Party for sometime.

Pennsylvania

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reliable informants reported that the Communist Party has been unsuccessful in placing Communist Party members in the leadership of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP and only in a few instances had Party members been able to join the NAACP.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Rhode Island

At Boston, Massachusetts

Reliable informants and sources of the Boston Division report no activities of Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in Rhode Island.

South Carolina

At Savannah, Georgia

u [redacted] advised that Mrs. MODJESKA MONTEITH SIMKINS is the South Carolina State Secretary of the NAACP. b2, b7D

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At Charlotte, North Carolina

There is no indication of any Communist Party activity in the NAACP in South Carolina, covered by the Charlotte Division.

South Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

u& (According to [redacted]) there is only one small group of the NAACP currently active at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and there is no indication of any Communist Party infiltration in this chapter.

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Tennessee

At Memphis

Nashville Branch

According to the "Nashville Banner" issue of February 25, 1954, Dr. LEE ALEXANDER LORCH was elected to the Executive Board of the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP. In addition, LORCH was elected by the Nashville Branch to be its representative at the South Regional NAACP Meeting at Savannah, Georgia, on February 27, 1954.

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Memphis Branch

X U [redacted] advised that the NAACP has an Adult Branch in Memphis as well as a Student Branch at Le Moyne College. The Adult Branch exercises some supervision over the Student Branch although the latter has met with only mediocre success.

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Membership

The Adult Branch has had a widely varying membership, ranging from a claimed membership of five thousand to fifteen thousand. Although, as indicated above, membership is quite large, the meetings are generally poorly attended and normally there are considerably less than one hundred at any meeting.

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Officers

This informant stated that the President of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP is Reverend VAN J. MALONE. According to U X [redacted] regarding MALONE, [redacted] as being the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chelsea, Memphis, Tennessee, and a veteran of World War II. He came to Memphis from Jackson, Tennessee, where he had previously been President of the Jackson NAACP Chapter.

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[redacted] the first Vice-President of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP is JAMES F. ESTES. Regarding the Vice-President JAMES ESTES, an article in the May 20, 1946, issue of the "Nashville Banner" revealed that JAMES F. ESTES, Negro, Jackson, Tennessee, was a Provisional Officer of the Tennessee Organizing Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) having been named to the Executive Board thereof.

Regarding the SCHW, it is noted that the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, published March 3, 1951, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, reflects that the SCHW was cited as typical of completely Communist created and controlled organizations of the Civic Committee Fields. This citation is attributed to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1948, pages 38 and 168.

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[redacted] advised that the Secretary of the Memphis Branch is GEORGE O. THOMPSON, [redacted]

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Le Moyne College Branch

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[redacted] prior to 1952, the Le Moyne Chapter of the NAACP existed practically in name only. Upon the arrival of PHILIP JACK LORINE and GEORGE O. THOMPSON as instructors at Le Moyne, however, they voluntarily sought membership in the NAACP and took such an interest in the organization that they became Faculty Advisors thereof. Since that time, they have shown what appears to be an unusual interest in all phases of the NAACP.

At Knoxville

Reliable and confidential sources reported no CP infiltration of the Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP.

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Texas

At Dallas

Reliable informants and sources revealed no infiltration on the part of the CP in the NAACP in the area covered by the Dallas Division.

At El Paso

Reliable informants and sources advise that there is no evidence of any infiltration by Communists in the NAACP in the El Paso Division.

At Houston

[redacted] the President of the Houston Chapter of the NAACP is Reverend LEE H. SIMPSON, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist b2 b7D

Church of Houston, Texas, and the Executive Secretary is Mrs. C.V. ADAIR. [redacted]

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u& [redacted] LULU BELL WHITE was Executive Secretary of the NAACP, Houston Chapter, until about 1948 when she was ousted due to a campaign brought against her by "The Informer", a Houston Negro newspaper. The basis for the campaign was Mrs. WHITE'S former CP activities.

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[redacted]. WHITE'S replacement as Executive Secretary of the NAACP was Mrs. C.V. ADAIR, Mrs. WHITE'S former Secretary and Assistant. The informant stated that Mrs. WHITE was made Director of the NAACP Branches in the State of Texas, reportedly by the National Headquarters of the NAACP in New York, which job she presently holds. &u

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u& [redacted] advised that there was a branch of the NAACP, McNair, Texas, which at one time had been controlled by the CP members, but he did not know what the situation was at present. This informant knew of no other Chapters of the NAACP in the area which were influenced by the CP.

At San Antonio

Contact with reliable informants and confidential sources revealed no information indicating CP infiltration of the NAACP in the San Antonio Division.

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Vermont

At Albany, New York

No information has been reported indicating infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Vermont by the CP.

VIRGINIA

At Richmond

Reliable informants have furnished no information indicating any CP infiltration in the NAACP Richmond area.

At Norfolk

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[redacted] Mrs. EVELYN da SILVA BENNETT is or was on the Executive Board and her husband, DAVE BENNETT, attends meetings of the NAACP. b7C b7D

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[redacted] on March 29, 1954, advised that JERRY [illegible] GILMAN was president in 1952 and 1953 [redacted] b2 b7D

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u& [redacted] stated that the 1954 officers of the NAACP are not, to his knowledge, affiliated with the CP. b2 b7D

[redacted] on July 15, 1953 revealed that EVELYN BENNETT is no longer on the Board of Directors of the NAACP Norfolk Chapter [redacted] b7C b7D

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u [redacted] the present officers of the Norfolk Chapter are anti-Communist and that the President, ROBERT D. ROBERTSON, threatened to drop out of the NAACP entirely about a year ago [redacted]

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Washington

At Seattle

Infiltration Encouraged Through Communist Fronts

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[redacted], advised that about five years previously the Seattle Chapter of the NAACP was "Communist infiltrated", but the Chapter had succeeded in ridding itself of the "Communists" and did not want to have the same thing happen again.

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[redacted] stated that no CP member shall be accepted as a member of the NAACP. He suspects that about thirty five of the present six hundred and fifty members of the Seattle Chapter are either CP members or controlled, to some extent, by the CP. [redacted] is quite confident that he knows the extent of the Communist problem in the organization and has seen to it that none of the CP members or sympathizers have secured positions on the Board of Control.

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Wisconsin

At Milwaukee

Organization

[redacted] branches of the NAACP are located in Beloit, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, and the Student Chapter situated at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. b2 b7D

Membership

[redacted] advised that the entire NAACP organization in Wisconsin has an approximate contributing membership of 1440.

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CP Infiltration

Reliable informants report no CP infiltration in any of the above named branches with the exception of the current attempt of the LYL to infiltrate the University of Wisconsin Chapter.

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UC [redacted] advised that recent correspondence had been directed to the University of Wisconsin Branch of the NAACP from the National NAACP Headquarters, New York City, advising the Campus Branch that the National Headquarters was in receipt of information to the effect that certain members of the LYL, an organization cited by the Attorney General as subversive, were also members of the Campus NAACP and requested such members to be dismissed from the organization and their names removed from the membership roles. The informant advised no further information is available as to what action the Campus Branch might contemplate, but it is the informant's opinion that the Branch will probably be dissolved by the direction of the NAACP National Headquarters if no action is taken by the Campus Chapter along the requested lines.

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Wyoming

At Denver, Colorado

Reliable sources cognizant of some CP and related activity in Wyoming have no information concerning the 1954 officers of the Casper, Wyoming Branch of the NAACP.

District of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

At San Juan

Reliable informants have reported no indication of CP infiltration of the NAACP in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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Phoenix Br. Off., Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2 Phoenix	Re 10/26/43	10/27/43	S. [redacted]
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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow activities of CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results by October 15 and April 15 of each calendar year.

REFERENCE: Bureau letters to NY, 2/10/54 and 4/28/54.

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DETAILS For the purpose of brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth in this report be referred to as the NAACP; in like manner the Communist Party as the CP and the Communist Political Association as the CPA.

The CP and the CPA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

NATIONAL SECTION

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Purposes and Achievements

[redacted] made available the purposes and achievements of the NAACP as follows: b2. b7D

Purposes

1. To bring about complete integration of colored people into all phases of American life.

2. To break down segregation and the resultant inequalities in public education.

3. To secure enactment of federal, state and local civil rights legislation, including fair employment practices acts with full enforcement powers.

4. To insure justice without respect to race, creed or color in the courts.

5. To end police brutality and mob violence.

6. To guarantee the right to a "free and unfettered" ballot for colored Americans.

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7. To end all segregation in transportation and places of public accommodation.

8. To secure the right of all men and women to serve their country in the Armed Forces without regard to race or color.

9. To abolish all barriers in housing, public and private, which would prevent any American from living in the place of his choice.

10. To support the United Nations and to combat imperialism, totalitarianism, colonial exploitation and racial discrimination throughout the world.

Achievements

1. Admission of qualified Negro students to tax-supported graduate and professional schools in southern states.

2. A full-scale attack against segregation in the public elementary and high school levels.

3. Investigation and successful action against unfair treatment of Negroes in the armed services and a campaign for their full integration into all branches of the services.

4. Removed barriers depriving Negroes of the ballot and expansion of the Negro vote.

5. Outlawed enforcement of restricted housing covenants and won a series of cases which have established the right of a Negro to occupy any property he owns or leases without interference by any governmental agency.

6. Defense of countless victims of racial prejudice in the courts.

7. A nation-wide campaign against lynching which has resulted in drastic reduction of this crime.

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8. Precedent-shattering decisions outlawing segregation in interstate transportation.

9. Helped to secure passage of fair employment laws in ten states and an executive order against employment bias by government agencies and defense contractors.

10. Thirty victories out of 33 cases carried to the United States Supreme Court reaffirming the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution.

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D. NAACP Policy and Attitude Toward Communism

An article entitled, "The NAACP and the Communists" reprinted from "The Crisis", official magazine of the NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York City, March, 1949 was made available [redacted] The article is set forth as follows:

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"There is in progress a campaign of misrepresentation of the NAACP currently running in the 'Daily Worker', the Communist newspaper. All the old phrases are there. The name-calling has started all over again. The slanted and angled 'news' stories appear. The half-truths and whole lies see print. The object is to discredit NAACP leadership, local and national; to tear the Association apart through suspicion and strife; to take it over, if not obviously, then deviously, so as to control its elections, meetings, speakers, program, policy conventions, resolutions, and other public statements.

"Back in the early thirties the NAACP was on the receiving end of some of the fanciest name-calling, and the most vicious, truth-defying misrepresentation and slander that has appeared in print. The campaign was carried on openly by the Communist party and its various faithful, echoing groups. The occasion was the famous Scottsboro case which began in 1931.

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"After the Communists had accomplished their main purpose of building that case into a world-wide attack on Western democracy, they found that all the defendants were still in prison with little likelihood of being released as long as the Communist party stood as the official defenders. So a Scottsboro Defense Committee was organized, consisting of seven or eight organizations, including the Communists. An eminent clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers became the committee chairman and thereafter, almost single-handedly, effected the release of most of the defendants. With the passing years the Communists gradually dropped out of the picture.

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"By now the Roosevelt era of cooperation between Russia and America was in full flower. It is true the Soviets made a pact with Hitler and during that brief honeymoon Roosevelt won the favorite Communist title of war-monger, but with the German army's attack on the Soviet Union, the 'line' changed literally overnight and Roosevelt's America became the blessed friend and ally in the war on fascism.

"As the political line changed, so did the line on Negro Americans. The Communists abandoned abruptly their widely-advertised fight for Negro rights. Nothing must interfere with the war effort, lest such domestic wrangles hurt the aid to the Soviet Union. The NAACP, believe it or not, was criticized as being 'too militant' in its wartime fights. The Communists joined the Southerners in saying in effect 'this is not the time to fight the race question, we must fight the war.' So American Negroes fought their bitter battles against jim crow in the war (and rather well, too) without the dubious aid of the American Communists.

"The watchword through these years was cooperation. The NAACP, which had been lashed as 'betraying the masses,' as 'cooperating with the lynch-bosses,' etc., ad nauseam, became tolerable, if not respectable, in the eyes of American Stalinists.

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"But now everything is changed again. America is in a cold war with Russia. The American Communists are busy stirring disaffection, dissension, and unrest in every segment of American life they can penetrate, such as labor unions, church bodies, youth groups, college campuses, community organizations, and Negro groups, including the NAACP.

"The purpose in all this is not to build a better NAACP to fight more effectively for civil rights for Negroes under the American Constitution, using legitimate American methods, but to operate one more front group to confuse and embarrass Americans and the American government in the present contest of ideologies.

"There is no mystery, except to the unthinking and uninitiated, about the Communists' program on the Negro. Their characterization of the NAACP as 'reformist' reveals the line: they do not believe American democracy can be improved or reformed, hence anyone who does, who keeps alive a faith in the American way of life, is a criminal and a 'betrayer of the people.' As long as the NAACP and similar groups exist and push programs of reform, the Communist doctrine takes root slowly, if at all, in the nation's largest minority group. Hence the NAACP must either be captured or destroyed.

"We are not alarmed. In 1931 we were bewildered by the utterly unscrupulous and vitriolic attacks which had no relation to truth. We know now that everyone who says he is fighting for Negro rights is not necessarily doing so and if Scottsboro left any doubts, they were dispelled by the sell-out during the war. The truth is that the American Communists fight only for the Soviet Russia 'line' and for nothing else. Any other contests in which they seem to be engaged are merely side efforts which have been (and will be) played up, played down, or abandoned altogether, according to the party line of the hour.

"Our NAACP membership, therefore, should be on guard against this campaign. It should remember that the Communists do not hesitate to lie when lies will serve their purpose, that they are masters of

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"misrepresentation through misinterpretation, that they prattle about democracy in other organizations while maintaining an iron-handed non-democratic procedure in their own party, and that their aim is to use the Negro and his problems mainly in support of Communist party policy and only incidentally in support of Negro rights.

"This does not mean the Communists should be fought, as such. They constitute a political party and have rights under the Constitution as do other parties. Those rights must be maintained. Free speech and free assembly must be maintained for all. Let them enjoy their rights in this democracy and push their program as well as they can in their own groups. But their campaign of infiltration, disruption, and destruction of other organizations such as the NAACP can be prevented if members will not be deceived by their words, and will elect the proper officers and committees, choose the right delegates to conventions, attend meetings faithfully and out-vote the party followers, and see that the resolutions and public statements adopted by NAACP groups are NAACP statements in truth, and not those of a group using our name for its own political purposes."

E. National Headquarters

The current Manhattan telephone directory lists the NAACP as located at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

II. CP INFLUENCE AND CONNECTIONS

The feature column "On the Way" by ABNER W. BERRY in the "Daily Worker" of July 14 and 15, 1954, page 5, column 3, is devoted to the 45th convention of the NAACP. The column of July 14 is captioned, "The NAACP Stays in Labor's Corner" and the column of July 15 is captioned, "The NAACP Looks at McCarthy and the World".

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The article of July 14, 1954 reveals that the labor program adopted at the recent 45th convention of the NAACP in Dallas, Texas was comprehensive and sought further to join the fight for civil rights with the fight for strong trade unions. The resolution on labor was marred only by provisions prlonging the partisan feud between the CIO and the unions that had been expelled in 1949 around the issue of the presidential elections. The author states that some of the most important provisions of the labor resolution were:

1. Call to all NAACP members who are members of CIO, AFofL and "non-Communist independent unions where there is no color bar to be active and loyal members".

2. Established "as a matter of fundamental policy" that branches engage in vigorous action to prevent the use of Negroes and other racial minorities for striking-breaking purposes during labor disputes.

3. Support to the campaign for a guaranteed annual wage as being put forward more and more by various unions.

4. Call for a federal minimum wage of $1.25 an hour and enlerging the coverage of the minimum wage law to cover all workers.

5. Offered full support to labor unions in the fight to repeal or defeat state anti-labor laws called in some states by the name "anti-violence" or "right to work" laws.

6. Urged a fair employment practices amendment to the Taft-Hartley Law.

7. Pledges of vigorous support for organized labor's demand for higher wages to increase mass buying power.

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8. Support to non-contributory pension and retirement fund programs as part of trade union contracts.

10. Call for state and local fair employment practices laws.

According to the author these labor resolutions were not much different from the labor resolutions of last year. However, they indicate the continuing impress of organized labor on the main civil rights organization among Negro Americans.

The article also states there are approximately two million Negroes in organized labor and the labor program of the NAACP against the background of these two million Negro trade unionists in their influence on the labor movement, brings to mind the thought: The fight for fullequality would be irresistible if the labor movement in its entirety had an active program and civil rights which matched the NAACP's program for labor.

The author opines that it would be hard to defeat labor in any of its struggles if the NAACP labor program was actively pursued in the direction to collaborate with labor on a full scale basis. The author finally states that without the full cooperation of the NAACP and organized labor on the local level, north and south, freedom will come much more slowly.

The article dated July 15, 1954 states that the principal speeches and the resolutions of the 45th convention of the NAACP held recently in Dallas, Texas, recognized that the criticism of the world's colored people have a lot to do with the United States Supreme Court decision against Jim Crow in the schools.

According to the article, WALTER WHITE, NAACP Secretary, spoke on the world menace of Communism and part of his recommendations are set forth as follows:

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"Too little attention has been paid by Americans to the fact that for more than a half a century a rebellion has been growing among two-thirds of the people of the world who are colored against the twin and related evils of racism and colonialism....If for no other reason than enlightened selfishness, the white world should have awakened long since to the fact that long before the October revolution in Russia in 1917 there was a bitter revolt against exportation of the raw materials and peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America".

The author states that the delegates at the convention took a slightly different view of world affairs. In dealing with "peace and imperialism" the delegates resolved: "Imperialism, the rule of one nation by another, either directly or through a satellite or subservient government, is unjust and a threat to world peace" and the resolution called for the setting up of free governments in Indo-China, Tunis, Morocco and other French colonies and asked that no American troops be sent "to Indo-China unless it is to protect free and sovereign governments".

A debate developed on two paragraphs in the "Labor and Industry" resolutions which barred cooperation of the NAACP with the Negro Labor Council and international unions expelled by the CIO. A motion to strike the offending paragraphs lost by a show of hands with about a score of delegates voting to strike. However, more than a third of the delegates present failed to vote either way.

It is to be noted that the National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The article states that many of the delegates may have compromised their consciences on the anti-Communist sections of the resolutions, but as a whole the delegates expressed their feelings in the anti-

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McCarthy resolution which read in part as follows: "Under the banner of fighting Communism McCarthy aims to lead the nation to fascism. And the document connected to fight against Jim Crow with the fight to curb the inquisition...guarantee....freedom of the press, speech, religion, association and political beliefs for all citizens". The article concludes by stating that the anti-Communism and foreign policy statements coming out of the NAACP convention was not as all-inclusive as the final resolutions show. Further resolutions cannot reveal the direction in which a large number of the still predominently middle-class delegates are moving.

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"The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", and the "Daily Worker" are East Coast Communist publications.

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The Labor Youth League, referred to above as the LYL, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts by the CP, USA to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is submitted geographically by states and territories.

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received

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indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP at the present time in the Birmingham division.

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At Mobile, Alabama

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ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No further evidence of CP infiltration of the Anchorage Chapter of the NAACP has been developed.

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received concerning possible infiltration by the Communist Party into any NAACP Chapters in the State of Arizona.

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No information has been received indicating attempts are being made by the CP to infiltrate any branches of the NAACP in Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA

At Los Angeles, California

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CALIFORNIA

At San Diego, California

No information of a pertinent nature has been received to indicate that the CP has control or is attempting to infiltrate branches of the NAACP in the division of San Diego.

COLORADO

At Denver, Colorado

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This informant advised that he was not a member of the NAACP and had no factual information that the NAACP was dominated or controlled by the CP.

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It is to be noted that MORTON is First Vice President of the Denver Branch NAACP.

DELAWARE

At Baltimore, Maryland

Headquarters

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Officers and Members

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Delaware, advised on October 15, 1954 that the officers of the NAACP are as follows:

President, WAGNER D. JACKSON
First Vice President, Miss PAULINE A. YOUNG
Second Vice President, Rev. RUFFIN A. NOISETTE
Recording Secretary, Mrs. MURIEL COOPER
Treasurer, LUTHER J. PORTER

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CP Activity in the NAACP

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D. C.

No additional information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia.

FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Miami division.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No information has been received indicating Communist infiltration into the NAACP in the Atlanta division.

At Savannah, Georgia

No further evidence has been received to indicate there has been any infiltration of the NAACP branches within the territory of the Savannah division.

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HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

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IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been received to indicate any attempts by the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

Location

The 1954 Chicago telephone directory lists the NAACP as being located at 841 East 63rd Street in Chicago.

Officers

[redacted] a b2, b7D copy of a letter dated July 17, 1954 on the letterhead of the NAACP, 841 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The following officers for the Chicago branch of the NAACP is set forth on the reverse side of the above letter:

Executive Officers

President, CORA M. PATTON
First Vice President and
Chairman of the Board, WILLOUGHBY ABNER
Second Vice President, M. T. BLANTON
Third Vice President, * JEANNE D. DAGO
Treasurer, * N. B. ANDREWS
Secretary, * BEATRICE H. STEELE
Assistant Secretary, * VERN SMITH

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Executive Committee,

* RICHARD C. SAUNDERS
* P. THERON TOWNSEND
* JACK W. LEE
* LEON HILLMAN
SYLVESTER JOHNS
Dr. A. M. MERCER
TOMMY BARKER
* CHARLES BROOKS
A. L. FOSTER
Attorney CHARLES P. HOWARD
RUSSELL LASLEY
* JOSEPH MC KINNEY
* THOMAS PENN
* GRACE D. WELLS
* Reverend WILLIAM A. JOHNSON

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Committee Chairman,

Legal Re-Dress
HENRY W. MC GEE
Veterans
Colonel T. M. MANN
Press and Publicity Co-Chairmen
A. MILES CARTMAN
ROBERT BIRCHMAN
Labor and Industry Co-Chairman
*JAMES KEMP
LUCIUS LOVE [illegible] C.P.
Entertainment
ETHYEL B. ROBERTSON
Housing
HUGH F. LEWIS
Legislation
GERALD D. BULLOCK
Community Coordination
*LOVELYN EVANS
Education
FAITH RICH
Membership Co-Chairman
A. L. FOSTER
*CHARLES BROOKS
Finance
*N. B. ANDREWS

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Church
ROBERT [illegible]

Speakers Bureau
JAMES CALHOUN

Youth Work
SARA OWENS

Auxiliaries:
Women's Auxiliary
ANITA COOK

Youth Council
MABRY T. ROBY

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[redacted] on October 15, 1941 advised he learned b2
that [redacted] b7C
was a frequent visitor of the National Negro Congress
in Chicago.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Illinois edition of "The Worker" dated February 10, 1952, page 8, columns 1 through 3, contains an article captioned, "Groups Here Mark Negro History Week". This article indicated that N. T. BLANTON was at that time President of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation in Chicago. I//

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The Illinois edition of "The Worker" is a special printing for distribution in Illinois of "The Worker".

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u(S) [redacted] advised that TOMMY BARKER, an Executive Committee member of the NAACP in Chicago presently resides at [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. b2 b7C

(S)u [redacted] another governmental agency, advised [redacted] b2 b7C

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his opinion that LASLEY follows the Party line in order to safeguard his position as International Vice President in Charge of Anti-Discrimination Activities with the United Packing House Workers of America, CIO in Chicago.

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b2 [redacted] advised [redacted] b7C [redacted] of the [redacted] was [redacted] contact with the [redacted] in Chicago relative to obta[redacted] that or[redacted] in obtaining publicit[redacted] ors to start [redacted] d on [redacted] of the Negro wom[redacted] home was b[redacted] following her move into a white neighborhood. (S)u

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The Independent Socialist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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delegate N.A.A.C.P. convention

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[redacted] advised that the following persons from Chicago, Illinois attended the National Convention of the NAACP, which was held in Dallas, Texas from June 29, 1954 to July 4, 1954:

Mrs. E[illegible] Johnson
Attorney

IMOGENE JOHNSON C.P. Indianapolis, Ind.
CHARLES P. HOWARD C.P.
RACHEL ELLIS C.P.
FRANK BROWN

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IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration into the Iowa Chapters of the NAACP located in Burlington, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids and Waterloo.

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received which would indicate that there is any attempt on the part of the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Kansas.

KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

CP Interest and Plans for Infiltrating the Louisville Branch of the NAACP

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These people took no active part in the meeting, except to pledge support of the NAACP with contributions.

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LOUISIANA

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Officers

The officers of the NAACP were reported by the Louisiana weekly newspaper, New Orleans, in its issue of November 7, 1953 as follows:

DR. E. A. JOHNSON - President
A. J. CHAPITAL - Vice-president
BOREL DAUPHINE - Secretary
B. J. STANLEY - Treasurer
LEONARD AVERY - Executive Secretary

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Efforts by the CP to Infiltrate the NAACP

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MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received that would indicate any CP attempt to infiltrate the NAACP in Maine.

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MINNESOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Officers

Minnesota State Conference

[redacted] the Minneapolis Branch officers are as follows:

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WILLIAM E. CRATIC, Jr. - President
Reverend L. C. HARRIS - Vice-president
ANNACELE JOHNSON - Secretary
NELLIE STONE JOHNSON - Treasurer

According to this informant, the Minneapolis Branch presently has a membership of about 500 members, however, it is currently in the midst of a membership drive with a hoped-for membership of 1000.

St. Paul Branch

[redacted] the current officers of the St. Paul Branch are as follows:

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FRANK M. SMITH - President
MRS. ADDIE C. FEW - First Vice-president
JOSEPH E. JOHNSON - Second Vice-president
MRS. LULU K. KING - Treasurer
LEONARD H. CARTER - Secretary
CHARLES W. PETERS - Assistant Secretary

Subversive Ramifications

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[redacted] continues to be active in the program of the NAACP, but, although allegedly leftist in the past, there is no indication that she is influenced or motivated by the CP [redacted] Her conduct in regard to NAACP matters is generally considered conservative by the NAACP officials. b7C

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[redacted] generally there is no indication either in the Minneapolis Branch activities or in the State Conference of the NAACP of any effort on the part of the CP or CP front groups to infiltrate, control or influence the activities, policies or program of the NAACP. b2, b7D

MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration into the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi.

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At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been received that would indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Northern District of Mississippi.

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

At St. Louis, Missouri

No information has been received which discloses any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the St. Louis Division.

MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No information has been received disclosing any attempts by the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Montana.

NEBRASKA

At Omaha, Nebraska

Officers

[redacted] the following are the officers of the Omaha Chapter of the NAACP: b2 b7D

Reverend E. T. STREETER - President
J. C. COLLINS - First Vice-president
MRS. ROBBIE DAVIS - Second Vice-president
MRS. MILTON LEWIS - Treasurer
MRS. GRACE SCUDDER - Secretary

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NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No evidence has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Nevada.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire.

NEW JERSEY

At Newark, New Jersey

Officers

The "Newark Evening News," Newark daily newspaper, issue of June 7, 1954, carried an article relating

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to the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP being held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The article set forth the following new state officers elected on June 5, 1954:

DR. ULYSSES S. WIGGINS - President
SAMUEL A. WILLIAMS - Vice-president
MRS. DELIA E. MARTIN - Secretary
CHARLES WILLIAMS - Treasurer
MRS. EDITH M. SHIVERS - Financial Secretary

Asbury Park-Neptune Branch

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Montclair Branch

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In an article appearing in the "Newark Evening News" dated November 2, 1953, THEODORE PETTIGREW, President of the Newark Chapter, NAACP, was quoted as stating that WILLIAM ROSSMOORE, a lawyer, was a member of the Newark NAACP Chapter Legal Grievance Committee.

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New Brunswick Branch

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Trenton Branch

The Trenton, New Jersey newspaper, "Trentonian," issue of February 23, 1953, set forth the officers for NAACP 1954 as follows:

CHARLES WILLIAMS - President
MRS. GLORIA GIBSON - First Vice-president
JOHN COUCH - Second Vice-president
MISS DOROTHY HOLMES - Secretary
DEANE GOOD - Corresponding Secretary
CLIFTON LYNCH - Treasurer

Also listed was the Executive Board consisting of:

S. ROY ALPHIN
MRS. MOLLIE FORER
MICHAEL POULOS
MRS. RUTH RABSTEIN

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The records of the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, Trenton, New Jersey, reflect that [redacted] b7C N.A.A.C.P.

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Vineland - Richland Branch

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Brooklyn Chapter

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Staten Island Branch

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White Plains Branch

The "Reporter-Dispatch", White Plains, New York, issue of October 18, 1954, carried an article entitled, "NAACP Head Assails GOP Nominees' Snub." The article relates that candidates for political office appeared before members of the NAACP at a meeting of the NAACP. According to the article, the business session of the meeting selected delegates to the

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State Conference of the NAACP delegate to be held at Peekskill, N.Y. October 23 to 25, 1954. Named as one of the delegates was Mrs. FLORENCE MACK.

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Yonkers Branch

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Kingston Branch

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Inwood-Far Rockaway Branch

xu [redacted] reported that the following individuals were the officers of the Inwood-Far Rockaway Branch of the NAACP: b2 b7D

MINNIE CALDWELL
President

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THOMAS THURMOND
Honorary President

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N.A.A.C.P. N.Y.

JOHNELLA CHARLES
Vice President

EUNICE GORDON
Honorary Vice President

ELLA LEE
Treasurer

HANNAH MEYRICH
Secretary

LOUVENIA HARRIS
Corresponding Secretary

MARTIN NASH
Chairman, Membership Committee

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North Carolina

At Charlotte, North Carolina

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North Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any CP influence or infiltration into any branch of the NAACP in North Dakota.

Ohio

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No information has been received indicating any attempts by the CP to infiltrate any branches of the NAACP in the Cincinnati Division.

Oklahoma

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No information received of any attempts of the CP to infiltrate any chapters of the NAACP in Oklahoma.

Oregon

At Portland, Oregon

No information has been received which would indicate that the CP is making any effort currently to infiltrate the NAACP in Oregon.

Pennsylvania

At Philadelphia

Officers

The Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin", September 28,

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1953, page 23, reflects that the following were elected as Pennsylvania State Officers of the NAACP at the State Convention held in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, in September 1953:

BURRELL K. JOHNSON
President

Dr. JAMES GILLESPIE
First President

JOSHUA THOMPSON
Second Vice President

SAUL GRIFFIN
Third Vice President

Mrs. AGNES WALKER
Recording Secretary

Mrs. CATHERINE BERRET
Corresponding Secretary

JOHN C. JONES
Treasurer

Chester Branch

[redacted] of Solicitation Activities, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advised on September 16, 1954, that the Chester Branch Officers of the NAACP were as follows:

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GEORGE T. RAYMOND
President

Mrs. SARA MC COY
Secretary

Darby Branch

The President of the Darby Branch, as furnished by

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the Supervisor of Solicitation Activities is as follows:

Mrs. GEORGIANNA THOMPSON

Pd.

Dauphin County Branch

The Supervisor of Solicitation Activities furnished the President of the Dauphin County Branch, NAACP, to be as follows:

Dr. GEORGE A. JONES

Pd.

La Motte Branch

The Supervisor of Solicitation Activities advised that the President and Secretary of the La Motte Branch, NAACP, are as follows:

DAVID T. MORGAN
ANITA MORTON

Pd.

Philadelphia Branch

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No information has been received indicating any successful CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Pittsburgh Division.

Rhode Island

At Boston, Massachusetts

Officers

The December 12, 1953, issue of the "Providence Evening Bulletin", a newspaper of Providence, Rhode Island, on page 4, reflects that FRED R. BYERS and DAVID KOLODOFF were named to the Executive Committee of the NAACP.

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South Carolina

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received that would indicate

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there is any infiltration or control of the NAACP in South Carolina by the CP.

South Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate there is any CP infiltration or control of the Sioux Falls NAACP Branch and other branches in South Dakota.

Tennessee

At Memphis, Tennessee

Nashville Branch

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Memphis Branch

Origin and Scope

The NAACP at Memphis includes the Memphis Branch for Adults and the Youth Branch, which is located at LeMoyne College in Memphis.

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At Knoxville

No information received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the Knoxville Division.

Texas

At El Paso, Texas

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration into the branches of the NAACP in the El Paso Division.

At Houston, Texas

[redacted] NAACP meetings were being held in McNair, Texas, in a small hall near the Baptist Church on Dallas Street. [redacted]

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At San Antonio, Texas

No information has been received revealing any attempts

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by the CP to infiltrate the branches of the NAACP in the San Antonio Division.

Utah

At Salt Lake City, Utah

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Vermont

At Albany, New York

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Vermont.

Virginia

At Richmond, Virginia

No information has been received to indicate any CP

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infiltration of the NAACP branches in Richmond.

At Norfolk, Virginia

No information has been developed to indicate any activity or attempts of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP branches in Norfolk.

Washington

At Seattle, Washington

NAACP Youth Council

According to the "Tacoma News Tribune", dated April 22, 1954, the NAACP Youth Council of the Tacoma Branch was chartered as of April 1954.

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West Virginia

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No information has been received indicating any attempts by the CP to infiltrate any branches of the NAACP in West Virginia.

Wisconsin

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Officers

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Wisconsin Conference of the NAACP is composed of the following officers, elected from the local branches:

Mrs. WILBUR HALYARD	President
Mrs. JOSEPHINE SANDERGAARD	Vice President
Mrs. GAYNELLE LIPSCOMB	Secretary
Mrs. SHIRLEY TAYLOR	Assistant Secretary

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Mrs. GWENDOLYN COLBERT	Freedom Fulfillment Chairman
Dr. GEORGE HILLARD	Health
Mr. HUBERT TAYLOR	Program Chairman
Mr. CLINTON ROSE	Labor and Industry

[redacted] the following individuals are the current duly elected officers of the various Wisconsin N.A.A.C.P branches:

Beloit, Wisconsin	AMBROSE GORDON, President Mrs. LEONE TAYLOR, Secretary
Kenosha, Wisconsin	JESSE WILSON, President Mrs. LEROY SHEARD, Secretary
Madison, Wisconsin	HARRY HAMILTON, President Mrs. FRED STEVENSON, Secretary
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	W. DALE PHILLIPS, President EDDIE WALKER, Vice President SHIRELY TAYLOR, Recording Secretary CAROLYN ALLEN, Corresponding Secretary WILBUR HALYARD, Treasurer
Racine, Wisconsin	Mrs. CORINNE OWENS, President Mrs. DOROTHY BRAY, Secretary

Connections with the CP

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to him as members of the CP or of the CP front organizations who are currently contained on the membership list of any of the above captioned units of the NAACP.

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At Denver, Colorado

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is any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in Wyoming. b7D

District of Puerto Rico
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At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP branch in the District of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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At New York, New York

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Salient parts of a report on the Dallas Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) set forth. [redacted] New York State Communist Party program and policy concerning NAACP set forth. Efforts by the Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party to infiltrate and dominate NAACP Branches throughout the United States and its territories set forth. u

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Council On African Affairs (CAA)

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"Daily People's World"

California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report described it as the "West Coast mouthpiece of the CP."

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International Workers Order (IWO)

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National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

Was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated September 31, 1950, as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions," and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." u

National Negro Congress (NNC)

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National Negro Labor Council (NNLC)

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Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

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"The Worker"

Is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East coast Communist newspaper. u

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DETAILS: For the purpose of brevity the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People will henceforth in this report be referred to as the NAACP. u

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted. u

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It is to be noted that MARTHA STONE was arrested in New York City on November 1, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act and is presently awaiting trial at New Haven, Connecticut. u

Salient parts of the above referenced report are set forth as follows: u

u "The convention was undoubtedly one of the most significant in the history of NAACP. This was due to the impact of the May 17 Supreme Court decision upon the Association and upon all sections of Negro life and large sections of the white community, especially in the South. The anti-segregation decisions became the point of departure for every major speaker and for the discussion of the delegates. Thus, an atmosphere of militant optimism pervaded the convention as never before. Further, the difficult problems involved in implementation of the decisions, and the challenge to work out specific programs for carrying the fight against segregation into other fields contributed to a note of seriousness in the deliberations and opened up in the thinking of the delegates many questions which the NAACP has not had to address itself to in the past.

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"I also have the impression (though a detailed credential report was not available at convention's end) that the composition of the delegates was an improvement over past conventions. There were 617 voting delegates, 65 alternates and 95 fraternal delegates and observers, making a total of 777. So that numerically the convention was larger than most in the past, which have usually ranged between 400-500. u

"Also, a large part, probably a majority, of the fraternal delegates were trade unionists. There was a good-sized representation from auto, 16 packinghouse workers came from Chicago, and there were others. In addition, of course, there were some trade unionists, although I don't know how many, who came directly from branches as voting delegates. u

U "In addition, there was an important number of delegates from some of the small-community branches especially in the South who were attending their first convention and are not yet committed to the policies of the leadership. This does not mean that all the old NAACP warhorses were not there - they were. But there were many indications that they met a sterner challenge to their leadership than any time since 1950. But more of that later. u

"Another major positive feature of the convention was the strong current of anti-McCarthyism. This sentiment was more pronounced than last year and resulted in what in my opinion is the strongest anti-McCarthy resolution adopted by any Negro people's organization to date. And, as we shall see, this resolution was passed in face of the most determined effort on the part of reactionary forces in the convention to defeat it. u

"Furthermore, there was the usual healthy anti-bureaucracy sentiment of the rank and file delegates which found many opportunities to express itself in opposition to the railroading of measures, the handling of the chair, the curtailing of discussion, etc. u

"Now, with regard to the major negative factor in the convention: the rash of red-baiting on the part of the leadership was unprecedented and more vicious than previously. Not one single major speaker at the mass meetings did not red-bait. (No, that's a mistake - the single exception was Dr. Theodore Lawless, the American-Firster from Chicago who did not redbait in his speech accepting the Spingarn Award.) Channing Tobias began with a keynote speech which, for political depth, was on a level lower than juvenile. He began by ranking the Supreme Court decision with 'The Declaration of Independence, the Federal Constitution with its amendments, and the Emancipation.' Then he invoked the spirit of Booker T. and the 'Atlanta Compromise' by quoting as follows from his own speech to the NAACP May 22 Atlanta meeting: 'Let it not be said of us that we took advantage of a sweeping victory to drive hard bargains or to impose unnecessary hardships upon those responsible for working out the details of compliance.'

"Then he got down to his real business of the evening. He said: 'As has never been true before in the history of our Organization, we must see the fight for rights of Negro Americans as part of a world struggle for freedom.' There was spontaneous applause at this point, and there is no doubt that the audience had in mind a conscious alliance of the struggle for Negro liberation with the struggles of colonial peoples in Asia and Africa for independence. However, almost before the applause died down Tobias went into a point by point support of U.S. foreign policy and the reaction of the audience was one of silence and bewilderment. He said:

> " 'During the past year the situation has worsened considerably. The menacing cloud of communism continues to darken the international sky. The issues involving Korea are still unresolved. The struggle in Indo-China grows more desperate with every passing day. The Geneva Conference has been declared a failure. The government of the Union of South Africa continues its apartheid campaign. The communist

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> infiltration of Guatemala is about to precipitate a civil war that may have serious consequences for the western hemisphere. In such a world as this we rightly insist that America cannot afford the expensive luxury of racial discrimination. At the same time we must make it emphatically clear that Negro Americans are undivided in their allegiance to the United States of America as it engages in mortal combat with the enemies of the free world.'

"This was followed immediately by a discussion of 'The Communist Menance within our Borders.' Tobias said:

" 'Let no one deny or take lightly the existence of a communist conspiracy in the United States. Enough has been brought to light in recent years to show that there is a persistent though small group of men and women in this country, who are attempting to blast at the "rock of ages" of our national structure. They do not hesitate to lie, or steal, or even kill, if by so doing they can accomplish the ends dictated by their foreign masters.

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> " 'It is no secret that communists have tried to infiltrate our ranks and get control of some of our branches. It is also true that they have been decisively defeated in their efforts. (Some applause). For this is one protest organization that makes its fight for equal rights on the basis of American principles and ideals, and within the American system. Nevertheless we must be ever vigilant to detect and expose by orderly methods those who parade as sheep but inwardly are ravening wolves, whose only purpose is to destroy.'

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"One might think that the progressive potential of the convention would be completely nullified, especially if one considers these leaders as representatives of a class that has completely 'gone over' to the side of imperialism.

"But this did not happen for two very good and important reasons.

"First, it is important to note that the party forces and the progressive caucus forces at this convention, while still woefully small, were larger and better organized than in St. Louis. With regard to our own people, there were seven delegates [redacted] Not until next to the last day did we discover that one of our people from [redacted] Before the convention I was informed we would have one or two people [redacted], but the names were never gotten to me and we could not discover them in Dallas.

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"In addition, there were a few progressive forces who played a major role in the convention, such as [redacted]

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"1 - This leadership looks upon a more vigorous anti-communist line as a necessary tactic to gain more concessions from the bourgeoisie and to 'placate' the mortal enemies of Negro liberation. They are encouraged in this line by the Supreme Court decision and by the fact that the forces they choose to vilify - the left - was conspicuous by its lack of participation in the fight to realize the decision.

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"Nevertheless, this petty-bourgeois leadership of the NAACP does not have the material stake in anti- [redacted]

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(U) "2- The leadership can be defeated in one aspect or another - and eventually all aspects - of their anti-communist position, if they are effectively challenged. The experience of the progressive forces in the resolutions committee and in the floor debate on resolutions proves this conclusively - and in this respect the convention represented an important advance over last year.

"Following is a play-by-play description of the debate and vote on important resolutions.

"1. The first resolution was the Preamble, at the end of which there was tacked on, like an appendix, the reiteration of the stand against 'communist infiltration' adopted originally in 1950. It was the decision of the progressive caucus not to oppose this resolution, but to save our attack for the Labor Relations resolution with its attack on the independent progressive unions and the NNLC. Therefore this resolution passed without objection and therefore no vote was taken.

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"2. The next resolution was the Labor and Industry resolution, It contains a prohibition against NAACP cooperation with 'Communist dominated' unions and with the NNLC. According to the rules, these who wanted to speak on a resolution had to voice objection and call out their name and branch as soon as the reading is completed."

It is to be noted that after a debate, "the vote was then taken. Failure of the progressives to provide a second for the Ellis motion to strike the 2 paragraphs and insist on a vote on that motion, resulted in the vote being taken on the resolution as read. No count was taken. About half voted for the resolution. A small handful (approximately 20) against. About half the delegates did not vote.

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"With regard to other sections of the resolution it should be noted that a number of provisions which were introduced in resolutions by the progressive caucus were incorporated and adopted. They are as follows: (a) Calling upon Congress to defeat all filibustering measures and pass FEPC; (b) Urging President's Contract Compliance Committee to hold public hearings in major industrial areas to facilitate processing of complaints; (c) calling attention to special exploitation of Negro women and calling upon the Program Committee for the 1955 convention to set up a workshop dealing with special problems of Negro working women."

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1955 NAACP Convention

[redacted] u following individuals were elected delegates and alternate delegates on May 27, 1955, from the Chicago area to the NAACP National Convention, June 21 through June 26, 1955, at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

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Delegates	Alternate Delegates
CORA P. ANDREWS	M. T. BLANTON
RACHEL CARTER ELLIS	ANITA COOK
RAYMOND JOHNSON	WILLIAM HENRY HUFF
IMOGENE JOHNSON	ROBERT BIRCHMAN
REV. ARCHIE HARGRAVES	BENSON JENNINGS
CHARLES HAYES	JAMES WILLIAMS

Delegates to NAACP [illegible] Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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REV. T.J. GRIFFIN - Secretary Civil Rights C[illegible] u

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[redacted] a meeting regarding the case of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, convicted Smith Act subject, on January 26, 1955, at Chicago, Illinois, was held at the Church of Reverend ARCHIE HARGRAVES, at which meeting CARL HIRSCH, Editor of the Illinois edition of the "Worker" appeared. X u b2 b7D

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Additional information concerning CP policy in the NAACP Convention at Atlantic City is set forth under New York Section of instant report.

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There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts by the CP, USA to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories. ~~X~~ u

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At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP at the present time in the Birmingham Division. ~~X~~ u

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ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of CP infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska has been reported. u

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona. u

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No information has been reported which would indicate that attempts are being made by the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP in Arizona. u

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CALIFORNIA

At Los Angeles, California

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Los Angeles Branch

The "California Eagle", a local Negro newspaper, in its issue of January 20, 1955, reported that the following were the officers of the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP. in 1955:

President: THOMAS G. NEUSOM
Vice-Presidents: FLEMING ENNIX
REV. P.D. LEHMAN
C.E. McKINNEY
L.B. THOMPSON
Secretary: ZELLA M. TAYLOR
Treasurer: LORENZO BOWDOIN

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The United States House Committee on Un-American Activities report entitled "Communist Activities Among Professional Groups In The Los Angeles Area - - Part 3", dated December 28, 1952, reflects that THOMAS G. NEUSOM was one of the attorneys who represented some of the attorneys who were subpoenaed to appear before the HCUA in Los Angeles, in September, 1952. All of the attorneys represented by NEUSOM refused to answer questions propounded to them by the HCUA.

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This report reflects that NEUSOM was one of the attorneys representing 12 physicians and one dentist who refused to answer questions before the HCUA at hearings in Los Angeles in October, 1952. All of these physicians and the dentist had been identified by the HCUA as having been members of the Medical Branch of a professional cell of the CP in the Los Angeles area. (X) u

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Fresno Branch

The "Fresno Bee", a Fresno, California local newspaper, in its issue of February 24, 1955, listed the officers of the Fresno Branch of the NAACP for 1955 and set forth was HUGH WESLEY GOODWIN as President. (u)

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SAN DIEGO

At San Diego, California

No information has been developed which would indicate there is any Communist infiltration of the San Diego Chapter of the NAACP. (U)

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COLORADO

At Denver, Colorado

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Colorado. Xu

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At New Haven, Connecticut

General CP Instructions Regarding The NAACP.

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It is to be noted that JACOB GOLDRING was one of the seven individuals indicted by Federal Grand Jury in the State of Connecticut in June of 1954 for conspiring to violate provisions of the Smith Act of 1940. Xu

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New Britain Branch (X)u

The "New Britain Herald" issue of November 5, 1954, reflects that MORRIS FALK was elected Treasurer and GEORGE DOZIER was elected a member of the Executive Board. u

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The records of the Secretary of State, Hartford, Connecticut, reflect the name of one GEORGE DOZIER, 49 Davenport Street, New Britain, Connecticut, appeared on a CP Nominating Petition in 1946. u

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DELAWARE

At Baltimore, Maryland

Wilmington Branch

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

No additional information has been received disclosing any actual or attempted Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia. u

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FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration into the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Georgia covered by the Savannah Division.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

It has been previously reported that the NAACP is nonexistent in Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts by the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP at Idaho.

ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] following persons constitute the elected leadership of the Chicago NAACP branch for 1955:

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Executive Officers

President: *CORA M. PATTON
First Vice-President and Chairman of the Board: *WILLOUGHBY ABNER
Second Vice-President: * M.T. BLANTON
Third Vice-President: JEANNE D. DAGO
Fourth Vice-President: ROBERT NIELBOWSKI
Treasurer: BEATRICE STEELE
Secretary: VIVIAN MOORE
Assistant Secretary: Xu FERN SMITH

Executive Committee

JOSEPH AUSTIN
OSCAR C. BROWN
REV. T.J. GRIFFIN
EARL B. DICKERSON
REV. ARCHIE HARGRAVES
CHARLES HAYES
DR. MAURICE HERBERT
REV. A. LINCOLN JAMES
* SYLVESTER JOHNS
Attorney HAROLD KATZ
* RUSSELL LASLEY
JOSEPH McKINNEY
DR. A.M. MERCER
CLARENCE RATCLIFFE
RICHARD C. SAUNDERS
STERLING SUTTON
P. THERON TOWNSEND
BEVERLY WILDER
* TOMMY BARKER Xu

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MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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Committee Chairmen

Legal Redress: WILLIAM HENRY HUFF
Veterans Committee: Colonel T.M. MANN.
Publicity Committee: * ROBERT L. BIRCHMAN
JACK W. LEE
Labor and Industry: JAMES KEMP
*LUCIUS LOVE
Housing Committee: GEORGE McCRAY
EDWARD HOLMGREN
Legislative: GERALD BULLOCK
Community Co-ordination: * HENRY W. McGEE
Education: FAITH RICH
Membership: AMY B. VICTOR
WILLYE M. WHITING
Finance: BEATRICE HUGHES STEELE
Church: JOSEPH E. JOHNSON
Youth Work: BENSON JENNINGS
Women's Auxiliary: ANITA COOK
Advisor to Youth Council: MABRY ROBY
President of the Youth Council: CAMILE CARTER

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At Springfield, Illinois

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Springfield Division. u

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At Indianapolis, Indiana

Evansville Branch

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East Chicago, Indiana Branch

[redacted] advised of the names of the officers for the NAACP Chapters in East Chicago, Indiana. [redacted] could not furnish any information indicating any Communist infiltration of this chapter; however, he stated that among the officers of the East Chicago Chapter was the name of [redacted] X u

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Gary, Indiana Branch

The "Gary Post Tribune" issue of December 24, 1954, contained the officers of the Gary Branch of the NAACP who had been recently elected. Listed as Vice-President was the name of WALTER MACKERAL. X u

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Indianapolis Branch

[redacted] the Indianapolis Chapter of the NAACP had elected its officers for the year. Among the officers elected was Mrs. EDNA JOHNSON for a minor secretarial position, and WILLARD RANSOM to the Executive Board. ~~S~~u

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IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the State of Iowa. ~~S~~u

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas. ~~S~~u

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At Boston, Massachusetts

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No information has been received indicating CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine.

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At Baltimore, Maryland

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

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[redacted] soliciting subscriptions to the "Daily Worker", and making contacts for the CP in Duluth, Minnesota.

[redacted] whose radical sympathies and associates in the past were known by many NAACP officials, and who in the past had been very active and influential in the Duluth Branch NAACP, was no longer particularly active or influential in NAACP activities.

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No information has been reported to indicate CP infiltration of the NAACP in the southern district of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division.

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

At St. Louis, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the St. Louis Division.

MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported.

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NEBRASKA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No evidence of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Nebraska has been reported. ~~C~~ u

NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP Chapters in Nevada. ~~C~~ u

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire. ~~C~~ u

NEW JERSEY

At Newark, New Jersey

NAACP, State of New Jersey

An article which appeared in the "Patterson Morning Call" dated February 5, 1955, entitled, "NAACP Hears J. M. Burrell", reflected that Attorney J. MERCER BURRELL, former State Assemblyman from Essex County, was Chairman of the New Jersey Conference of NAACP Branches. ~~C~~ u

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An article appeared in the December 22, 1954 issue of the "Vineland Times Journal", a Vineland, New Jersey newspaper, entitled, "New NAACP Unit Elects Officer Slate." The article reflected that the Buena-Hammonton-Weymouth Township Chapter of the NAACP held its first election of officers at Richland on December 16, 1954. The article reflected that the officers elected were as follows:

Mrs. TOMASINA BAY, President
THEODORE QUINLAN, Vice President
Mrs. ROBBIE WILLIAMS, Secretary
KING ALLEN, Treasurer

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Jersey City, New Jersey Chapter

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New Brunswick, New Jersey Chapter

The December 16, 1954 issue of the "Daily Home News", a New Brunswick, New Jersey newspaper, contained an article entitled, "NAACP Elects Gumbs as President." This article reflected the following persons were elected as officers of the New Brunswick Chapter of the NAACP:

NATHAN O. GUMBS, Jr., President
JOHN E. JACKSON, First Vice President
Mrs. MIRIAM GOLDBERG, Second Vice President
Mrs. RUTH JACKSON, Secretary
Mrs. CHARLES DUNN, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. ETHEL WELCH, Treasurer

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Patterson, New Jersey Chapter

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An article appeared in the August 23, 1948 edition of the "Daily Worker" entitled, "As We See It," which described EDWARD HARDY as follows: "Hardy is a 24 year old seaman from Houston, Texas. Houston is his home town. He is a Communist, having joined the Party aboard ship in 1945." u

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Trenton, New Jersey Chapter

[redacted] Trenton Chapter was making arrangements for its annual election and certain members of the local were making it a point to remove from the Executive Board and the Nominating Committee persons suspected of being Communists or Communist sympathizers. The informant stated that the Chapter was desirous of removing [redacted]

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NEW MEXICO

At Albuquerque, New Mexico

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominated the NAACP on the local or national level in New Mexico. u

NEW YORK

At Albany, New York

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At New York City, New York

New York Branch, NAACP

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[redacted] list of the present officers and members of the Executive Committee for the New York Branch, NAACP, as follows:

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RUSSELL B. CRAWFORD, President
ODELL CLARK, Vice President
WINIFRED NORMAN, Secretary
HORTENSE BOWERY, Assistant Secretary
ALONCITA J. FLOOD, Treasurer

Members of the Executive Committee:

JAMES E. ALLEN
CLARA BUTLER
ROGER W. FLOOD
JOHN H. HERWITT
Reverend T. KILGORE
EDWARD B. MUSE
LOUIS A. WHEATON [redacted] b7C
ELLA J. BAKER
ROSCOE C. BUTLER
PATRICIA GARLAND

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JACQUES ISLER
JAMES MC COY
J. HOWARD PAYNE
GEORGE STEWART
WILLIAM H. BROWN
ROY CAMPANELLA
THOMAS C. HALL
EDWARD W. JACKO, JR.
MARTHA R. MC PHERSON
Reverend A. C. POWELL, JR.
JOHN SULLIVAN
CHARLES BUCHANAN
ROBERT W. JUSTICE
JAMES L. WATSON
PAULA WHILEY [redacted] b7C
Reverend L. S. WHITE
PEGGY E. DICKSON
Reverend B. C. ROBESON
L. L. WINGATE
JAWN SANDIFER

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The eleven CP leaders were convicted on October 14, 1949 in New York City for violation of the Smith Act. u

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The July 14, 1949 issue of the "New York Journal American," article entitled, "Robeson Named as Red Party Member," stated in substance that MANNING JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the CP National Committee, had, on July 14, 1949, told the House Committee on Un-American Activities that PAUL ROBESON had been a "member of the CP for many years." ROBESON'S membership was kept secret even from rank and file Communists.

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The New York State Conference of the NAACP scheduled for Saratoga Springs, New York, during May 20, 21 and 22, 1955, and the National Convention of the NAACP scheduled for June 22 to 26, 1955, at Atlantic City, were publicized. u

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Amityville, Long Island Branch

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The records of the County Clerk's Office, San Francisco County, San Francisco, California, reflect that in an affidavit of registration dated September 9, 1942, [redacted] registered to vote as a Communist. Xu b7C

On May 5, 1953, [redacted] refused to be interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating to the agents, "I have nothing to say to you." b7C

Jamaica, Long Island Branch

[redacted] there are certain members of the Jamaica Branch, NAACP, who are extremely suspicious persons because of their concerted efforts towards securing control of all the committees in the Jamaica Branch. [redacted] because of the way the group speaks, the terminology they use, and the methods they employ, leaves no doubt that these persons are either members of the CP or sympathetic to the CP cause. Xu b2 b7D

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Staten Island
Queens-Flushing
Corona-East Elmhurst
Far Rockaway
Jamaica Xu

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The "Daily Worker" of September 24, 1948, page 1 and 11, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Sixteen Thousand Demand-Get Thompson Assailants." The article referred to the stabbing of BOB THOMPSON, Chairman of the New York State CP and presently incarcerated for violation of the Smith Act. Among those who demanded action be taken to apprehend the "would-be assassins", was GUY BREWER, former Democratic Harlem leader. (U)

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 25, 1949, page 3, columns 4 and 5, contained an article, "Notables Ask Mc Grath OK Bail for Eleven." The article stated that the New York State Civil Rights Congress had announced that a number of prominent people had wired Attorney General MC GRATH to intervene to see that reasonable bail was set for the eleven CP leaders. Among those listed as signing the wire was "GUY BREWER, Legal Redress Committee, NAACP." (U)

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NORTH CAROLINA

At Charlotte, North Carolina

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominated the NAACP branches in North Carolina. u

NORTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration, of the NAACP in North Dakota. u

OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No information has been received indicating CP influence or infiltration of the NAACP in the Cincinnati Division. u

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At Youngstown, Ohio

The "Youngstown Vindicator" of February 1, 1955, under the caption, "Lee, Krueger and Steel Union Honored," reflects that NATHAN LEE was President of the NAACP in that city. The article indicated that LEE had received the Chase award as an outstanding Negro. (u)

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OKLAHOMA

At Oaklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oaklahoma has been reported. (u)

OREGON

At Portland, Oregon

No information of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oregon has been reported. (u)

PENNSYLVANIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[redacted] that during the latter part of 1954 several individuals had become active in the affairs of the Pittsburgh Branch of the NAACP and because of their aggressiveness their sudden interest in the organization caused suspicion as to their motives. b2 b7D

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A pamphlet entitled, "Hearings Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 83rd Congress, First Session on Subversive Influence in the United Electrical, Radio and Television Workers of America, Pittsburgh and Erie Pennsylvania, November 9, 10 and 12, 1953", set forth on page 61 testimony of MATHEW CVETIC that ALEX STABER was a member of the CP. Xu

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[redacted] Xu Pittsburgh Branch of the NAACP has made every effort to combat Communist infiltration of that Branch but that the activities of the above individuals had led him to believe that the CP was making a concerted effort to control NAACP policies in Pittsburgh. This informant stated, however, that none of the above individuals are officials of the Pittsburgh Branch and therefore have not been able to influence the Branch's policies. Xu b2 b7D

RHODE ISLAND

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the CP in Rhode Island. Xu

SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received that would indicate that the NAACP in South Carolina is dominated or controlled by the CP. Xu

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SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in South Dakota. (U)

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At Memphis, Tennessee

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At Nashville, Tennessee

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/ALEXANDER LORCH and [redacted] still continue to be active in the Nashville Branch of the NAACP. The informant stated that because of LORCH'S refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Dayton, Ohio concerning his past activities in the CP, the majority of the members of the NAACP in the Nashville Branch suspect him of being Communistic and because of his association with [redacted] they also suspect [redacted] of being Communistic. The informant stated, however, that the Nashville Branch of the NAACP is actually run by a very small clique of members and officers headed by [redacted] The informant stated that these people are able to control the activities of the Branch and have been able to see to it that neither LORCH nor [redacted] has been able to carry out any proposed program which might be inimical to the best interests of the Nashville Branch or to the National NAACP.

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No evidence of Communist infiltration into the NAACP in the El Paso Division has been reported. u

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McNair Branch

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At San Antonio, Texas

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the San Antonio Division. Xu

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UTAH

At Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Lake City Chapter

[redacted] the] Ȼu b7C b7D following persons are officers of the Salt Lake City Chapter of the NAACP for the year 1955:

Mrs. E. R. ROBINSON - President
ROBERT LEWIS - Vice-President
HAZEL STANLEY - Secretary
HARMON COLE - Treasurer

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VERMONT

At Albany, New York

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Vermont. Ȼu

VIRGINIA

At Richmond, Virginia

No information has been received indicating Communist domination or infiltration of the NAACP in the Richmond Division. u

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At Norfolk, Virginia

No information has been received indicating Communist domination or infiltration of the NAACP in the Norfolk Division. (u)

WASHINGTON

At Seattle, Washington

CP Efforts to Infiltrate

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JOHN DASCHBACH is at liberty on bond pending disposition of his appeal from conviction of violation of the Smith Act of 1940. (u)

Officers

According to the "Seattle Post Intelligencer," dated February 2, 1955, the following officers of the Seattle Branch of the NAACP were elected for the year 1955:

President - JAMES MC IVER
First Vice-President - Mrs. JANET LEVY
Second Vice-President - FRED LOCKETT
Treasurer - HAROLD MORRIS
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. HELEN SHAW

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Executive Board - GIL BAKER,
RUTH MARIE BROWN,
PHILIP BURTON,
OSCAR CLAIBORNE,
THELMA DE WITTY,
ISAIAH EDWARDS,
LUM HONEYSUCKLE,
LE ETTA KING,
BENJAMIN MC ADOO,
LEN SCHROETER,
PAT SUTHERLAND, and
EDWARD WHITE

Office Manager - MARGARET WEBB [redacted] b7C

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The 1948 Seattle City Directory listed [redacted] b7C

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WEST VIRGINIA

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No information has been received which would indicate that the NAACP in West Virginia has been dominated by the CP during the last year. (u)

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Connections with the CP SWP or CP Front Groups

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SIGMUND G. EISENSCHER is the publicly admitted Chairman of the CP of Wisconsin during the latter part of 1954 and during 1955 (u)

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Madison, Wisconsin Branch

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the Madison, Wisconsin City Chapter of the NAACP had set up a Labor Committee within the Chapter, the purpose of which was to determine why Negro people were having difficulty getting jobs in Madison, Wisconsin. [redacted] b7D b7C

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WYOMING

At Denver, Colorado

No information has been received to indicate that the NAACP in Wyoming has been infiltrated or is dominated by the Communist Party. (U)

DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP branch in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. (U)

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MISCELLANEOUS

One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Albany, Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Newark, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Seattle Offices, in view of the indicated activity on the part of the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP within these respective territories. u

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results as of October 15th and April 15th of each calendar year. u

REFERENCES

Bureau letter to New York, 2/10/54.
Report of SA [redacted] NY, 12/13/54.
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 21, 1955

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
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SYNOPSIS:

The Director has requested that he be furnished with a general memorandum on the NAACP.

NAACP incorporated in New York City in 1911. Declared aim is to secure full citizenship for Negroes. Bureau is in receipt of reports since 1941 re Communist attempts to infiltrate NAACP. Communist Party (CP) has had measure of success in controlling isolated chapters but unable to dominate the organization on state or national level. National Convention of NAACP in 1955 reaffirmed stand taken at 1950 convention to oppose Communism. CP has constantly strived to infiltrate NAACP and redoubled their efforts since 1953. Bureau, to discharge its responsibility, instructed field in February, 1954, to follow closely CP activities in connection with infiltration into NAACP. Bureau is being advised each six months of situation in each field division. Investigation disclosed some local chapters have been penetrated by CP but organization is aware of Party's efforts. [redacted] C Both CP and NAACP have taken aggressive stand in connection with alleged murder of Emmett Till, a Negro youth, in Mississippi in August, 1955.

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CP and NAACP have in several instances acted jointly and frequently engage in parallel activities; however, the programs of the organizations are distinct. CP seeks to foster discord and discontent in Negro race by agitating when racial incidents occur. Stated NAACP aim is to achieve full racial integration and racial equality by lawful means; it employs racial incidents to dramatize alleged inequalities and develop support.

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Dominant figures are Roy Wilkins and Thurgood Marshall, executive secretary and special counsel, respectively, who have been associated with CP front organizations in 1940s but now appear to be strongly anti-Communist.

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cc Mr. L. V. Boardman
cc Mr. A. H. Belmont
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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The NAACP, being a minority group, has always been susceptible to infiltration by the CP. [redacted] b7D The emphasis of the program of the CP is to foster discord and discontent in the Negro race through agitation when racial incidents occur.

The declared program of the NAACP, however, is one of aggressive action to achieve integration and equality through rallies, meetings, the courts and petitioning of responsible officials for restoration of equal rights. The NAACP employs racial incidents to dramatize alleged inequalities and develop support as exemplified by the Till case.

The results of the Communist program to infiltrate the NAACP have been noted to date in the participation of CP members in NAACP sponsored activities. The effect of continued participation by Communists in such activities may in the future result in greater communist influence in the organization unless such influence is curbed from within by the NAACP.

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DETAILS

In connection with a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 10/19/55 re an attack on the NAACP by the Attorney General of Georgia, the Director noted: "Let me have general memo on NAACP."

Organization, Aims and Membership:

The NAACP was organized in February, 1909, and incorporated in the State of New York in 1911. (61-3176-7)

The stated aim of the organization is to secure full citizenship rights for the Negro by legal and other recognized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestation of alleged discrimination. (61-3176-15)

In 1950, the NAACP claimed to have 250,000 members with chapters in forty-five states. (61-3176597)

Bureau Interest in NAACP:

The Bureau has been receiving reports re Communist infiltration into the NAACP since 1941. These reports have been submitted by practically every field office in the Bureau. The reports reflect that the CP, through the years, has attempted to infiltrate, dominate and control the NAACP. The Party has been successful in controlling isolated local chapters but has been unable to control the organization on a state or national level.

Position of NAACP re Communism:

The NAACP at its 41st National Convention, held in Boston, June, 1950, went on record as opposing Communism and empowered its board of directors to revoke the charter of any chapter found to be Communist controlled. (61-3176597)

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Bureau Efforts to Combat Intensification by CP to Infiltrate NAACP:

In the November, 1953, edition of "Political Affairs," a monthly theoretical organ of the CP, an article appeared outlining the CP's new line with regard to infiltrating the NAACP.

In view of this concerted effort by the Party to infiltrate the NAACP, a letter dated 2/10/54 was sent to all field offices advising that the CP was meeting with some success in its effort to infiltrate the NAACP; however, this success was confined to local chapters, notably in the New Haven and Newark areas.

The Bureau, to discharge its responsibilities, instructed the field to be alert to any infiltration on a national or local level. The investigation was to be discreet and limited to contact with reliable sources. All offices were advised that the Bureau was not investigating the NAACP itself but the Communist infiltration into it. Instructions were issued that the Bureau and the New York Office were to be advised every six months as to the situation in each field division. (61-3176-669)

Since this Bureau letter of 2/10/54, our investigation has again established the relentlessness of the CP in efforts to infiltrate the many nationwide chapters of the NAACP. All Negro Party members have been instructed to join NAACP chapters to exert their influence in NAACP programs. Local chapters in some localities, e.g., Chicago, have been penetrated to the extent that CP members have become officers of these chapters. However, most chapters, as well as the national office, are acutely aware of the constant attempt on the part of the CP to dominate these local groups and are actively combatting the Communists in their efforts.

CP Agitation in the Emmett Till Case:

In various memoranda during September, 1955, the Attorney General was advised of the agitational activities of the CP, USA, in connection with the death of Emmett Louis Till, a fourteen-year old Negro youth from Chicago who was allegedly murdered in Mississippi in August, 1955.

The NAACP has taken a most aggressive stand in this case and has sponsored numerous rallies and meetings in protest of the death of Till and the conduct of the trial in Mississippi.

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The CP press has afforded the Till case continued attention, constantly urging the Department of Justice to intervene in the case and agitating for a mass march on Washington to enforce their demands.

New York State Conference of NAACP, October 15, 1955:

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Dominant Personalities in NAACP:

1. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary.

A summary memorandum re Wilkins was prepared on 4/13/55. In essence, he was elected by the Board of Directors of the organization to succeed the late Walter White. He was never investigated by the Bureau although approximately 400 references to him appear in Bureau files. Review of these data indicates Wilkins in the 1930s and early 1940s tended to adhere to the CP line but since then he appears to be strongly anti-Communist and has done all possible to steer the NAACP away from Communist influence. (61-3176-914)

2. Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel.

A summary memorandum re Marshall was prepared on 12/15/50. Marshall has been Special Counsel of the NAACP since at least 1946. Marshall, according to House Committee on Un-American Activities and public source records, was associated with Communist front organizations

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in the 1940s, e.g., National Lawyers Guild and International Juridical Association. In 1947, he is reported to have said that if any office of an NAACP chapter were held by a Communist the charter of the chapter would be withdrawn. [redacted] b7C

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Organizational Structure of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) set forth. Current membership of NAACP reported to be about 250,000. Pertinent information concerning membership and structure of NAACP set forth. (U) [redacted] (U) Salient parts of article entitled "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP" by DOXEY A. WILKERSON which appeared in the August issue of "Political Affairs" set forth. NAACP adopts anti-Communism resolution at National Convention [redacted]. Information concerning Civil Rights Mobilization for Washington early in 1956 by NAACP and cooperating organizations set forth. Information concerning attempts by the State of Georgia to outlaw the NAACP as "subversive" set forth. [redacted]

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Efforts by the CP and SWP to infiltrate and dominate NAACP Branches throughout the United States and its territories set forth.

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CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC)

Has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY WORKER"

An East Coast Communist newspaper.

DANIELS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

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LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE (LYL)

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NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL (NLC)

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"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

Is the official monthly theoretical organ of the CP, USA, according to the testimony of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee, CP, USA, on October 20, 1952, in connection with the trial of United Status vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP)

Has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"THE WORKER"

Is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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DETAILS:

For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NAACP

ORIGIN

From a pamphlet publicly distributed by the NAACP entitled "How the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began," a history was obtained. The NAACP started when MARY WHITE OVINGTON, its first member, met with WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, a columnist, during the first week of January in 1909, in a small room of a New York apartment.

The first conference was held on the evening of May 30, 1909, at Cooper Union, New York City. Over 1,000 guests were invited and the initial conference was considered a success.

It was not until the second conference, held in May, 1910, that the group organized a permanent body to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its first officers were listed as follows:

MOORFIELD STOREY, National President

WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING Chairman of the Executive Committee

JOHN E. MILHOLLAND Treasurer

OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, Disbursing Treasurer

FRANCES BLASCOER, Executive Secretary

Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, Director of Publicity and Research

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In November of 1910, the first edition of the NAACP official organ, "The Crisis", was printed with Dr. DU BOIS as its editor.

STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A review of the Certificate of Incorporation at the Hall of Records, New York County Clerk's Office, on May 11, 1954, revealed that the NAACP filed its certificate for incorporation under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws on June 19, 1911. The principal objects for which the corporation was formed are:

To promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To advance the interest of colored citizens.

To secure for them impartial suffrage.

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted, shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the City, County and State of New Yor but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

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PURPOSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

From a pamphlet received by the writer in October, 1954, the purposes and achievements of the NAACP are as follows:

PURPOSES

To bring about complete integration of colored people into all phases of American life.

To break down segregation and the resultant inequalities in public education.

To secure enactment of federal, state and local civil rights legislation, including fair employment practices acts with full enforcement powers.

To insure justice without respect to race, creed or color in the courts.

To end police brutality and mob violence.

To guarantee the right to a "free and unfettered" ballot for colored Americans.

To end all segregation in transportation and places of public accommodation.

To secure the right of all men and women to serve their country in the armed forces without regard to race or color.

To abolish all barriers in housing, public and private, which would prevent any American from living in the place of his choice.

To support the United Nations and to combat imperialism, totalitarianism, colonial exploitation and racial discrimination throughout the world.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Admission of qualified Negro students to tax-supported graduate and professional schools in southern states.

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A full-scale attack against segregation in the public elementary and high school levels.

Investigation and successful action against unfair treatment of Negroes in the armed services and a campaign for their whole integration into all branches of the services.

Removed barriers depriving Negroes of the ballot and expansion of the Negro vote.

Outlawed enforcement of restricted housing covenants and won a series of cases which have established the rights of a Negro to occupy any property he owns or leases without interference by any governmental agency.

Defense of countless victims of racial prejudice in the courts.

A nation-wide campaign against lynching which has resulted in drastic reduction of this crime.

Precedent-shattering decisions outlawing segregation in interstate transportation.

Helped to secure passage of fair employment laws in 10 states, and an executive order against employment bias by government agencies and defense contractors.

30 victories out of 33 cases carried to the United States Supreme Court re-affirming the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution.

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From a leaflet distributed by the NAACP and received by the writer on January 6, 1956, the NAACP is described as an organization of a quarter-million strong in 45 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Alaska. The NAACP members, of all races and religions, are organized into more than 1,000 branches, which in turn form 30 State Conferences and several Regional Conferences. The national office staff covers the country, too. With headquarters in New York City at 20 West 40th Street, the NAACP maintains a Washington Bureau, in which most of the legislative activity is centered, and three regional offices: in Birmingham, Dallas and San Francisco. Local and state offices are maintained by constituent NAACP units. Field workers of the NAACP are sent wherever they are needed.

Additional information concerning membership of the NAACP is contained under the National Section of instant report.

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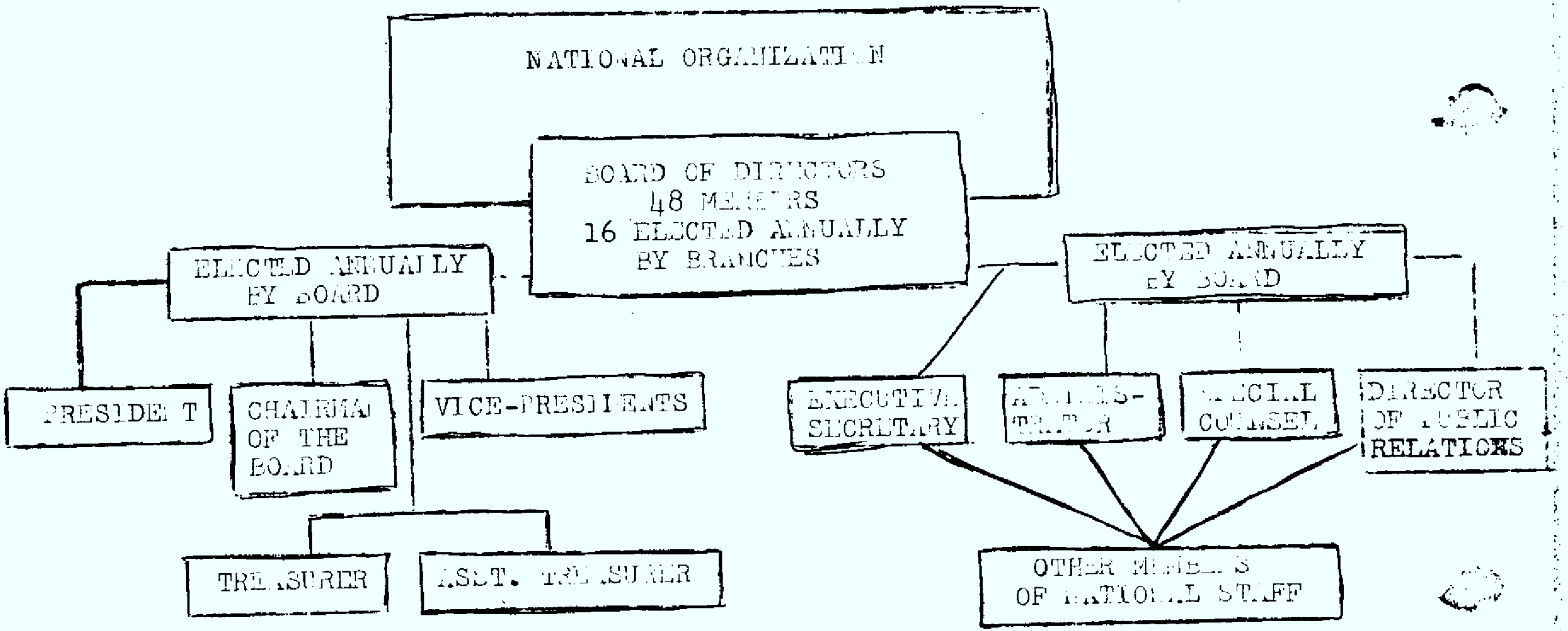
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The "Long Island Sunday Press" of June 26, 1955, page one, second news section, contained an article paying tribute to ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. This article reflected that the NAACP was an organization of approximately 260,000 persons.

The "Daily Worker," issue of May 17, 1955, page eight, column one, contained an article entitled

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"Labor's Roll Stressed in NAACP Membership Drive." This article states that an intensive membership campaign for 20,000 new members will highlight the celebration by the New York chapters of the NAACP on the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's desegregation ruling. The article reflected that the campaign, whose goal was to triple the NAACP membership locally, was to run until June 17, 1955.

The Manhattan Chapter of the NAACP was sponsoring a mass rally to celebrate the desegregation victories and to promote a borough-wide drive for 10,000 new members. The article also stated that the NAACP supporters point to the fact that, of some 250,000 members nationally, the NAACP has reported fewer than 10,000 in the New York area. The article states that this is apparently one of the smallest NAACP organizations in proportion to local population.

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The August, 1955, issue of "Political Affairs" contained an article entitled "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP" by DOXEY A. WILKERSON. Pertinent excerpts from the article are as follows:

"The recent 46th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People demonstrated, once again, that this organization constitutes the vital center of the Negro people's movement today. Its democratic program for Negro rights and on other social and economic questions is probably more advanced than that of any other mass organization in which

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"the Left plays so modest a role. Its policy of independent political action coincides with the requirements for breaking through the G.O.P.-Dixiecrat roadblock to progressive foreign and domestic policy. Its serious quest for allies, especially in the labor movement, will help to consolidate the democratic people's coalition for 1956. And its militant, fighting spirit reflects the mood of its quarter-million members and the Negro people as a whole.

"Approximately 800 people attended the N.A.A.C.P. Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 21 to 26. On the fourth day the Credentials Committee reported 479 voting delegates and 286 alternates, observers and fraternal delegates; others arrived toward the end of the week.

"There were 138 voting delegates and 136 others from the Middle Atlantic and New England states; the Mid-Western Regions sent 134 representatives; the Far West Region sent 52; and the Southern Regions sent 295, or 39% of the total. Approximately one-half of the 235 community branches, youth councils and college chapters represented at the Convention are located in Southern regions.

"This relatively high representation from the Southern states reflects the Association's widespread organization in the South. Some 458 (61%) of N.A.A.C.P.'s 780 community branches, 121 of its 241 youth councils, and 28 of its 64 college chapters are in the South....

"It was a serious convention. Although practically devoid of the dramatic or 'exciting' moments, it was notable for the dead-in-earnest concern of most delegates, especially those from the South, to grapple with the concrete problems they face back home. And out of it all there emerged a formulation of policy and program which underscores the key importance of N.A.A.C.P. in the fight for civil rights, civil liberties, economic

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"security and peace, and which re-emphasizes the Association's great potential for helping to consolidate the Negro-Labor Alliance in a program of independent political action.....

"To the end of implementing the 'Free by '63' slogan, the Convention defined nine specific civil rights objectives to be fought for in the period ahead. They include: (1) 'equality of job opportunity' through passage and enforcement of federal and state F.E.P. laws; (2) abolition of the poll tax and protection of the right to register for voting; (3) a stronger Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice; (4) an end to discrimination and segregation in public and private housing; (5) 'Speedy and diligent implementation of the recent Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregation in public schools, and integration of teachers on the basis of qualifications'; (6) 'legislation to guarantee complete access to public accommodations, transportation and recreational facilities on an unsegregated basis'; (7) unsegregated hospital and health service; (8) 'protection of the safety and security of all persons without discrimination'; and (9) 'initiation of a program of education in race relations by federal, state and local government agencies.'

"The civil rights issue which dominated the Convention from beginning to end was, of course, the problem of implementing the Supreme Court ruling against segregated schools. Next in importance were the fight for the vote in the South and the struggle against Jim Crow housing.....

"....Marshall outlined the Association's program for implementing the Supreme Court ruling. Each local branch in a segregated school area is to file a petition with the school board immediately requesting that it act to implement the Court decision, with periodic "follow-up to determine what steps are being taken. The branch is also to conduct an educational campaign in the community and to solicit the support of parents, churches, trade unions, civic groups and prominent individuals. 'Good faith compliance' by school officials is to be judged by whether they (1) recognize the principle of desegregation now, (2) plan now some implementing steps to begin this fall, (3) take some concrete steps toward integration this fall, and (4) complete the process of desegregation by September, 1956. As stated in the Directive to Branches adopted at the Regional Emergency Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 4, 'If no plans are announced or no steps toward desegregation taken by the time school begins this fall, 1955, the time for a law suit has arrived,' and the issue will be turned over to the legal department for proceedings in the court.....

"It was clear at the Convention--and has been further emphasized by National Office and local branch activities since--that the N.A.A.C.P. is determined to maintain a vigorous offensive on this segregated schools question. It was clear then--and is even more evident now--that the job of coping with the die-hard segregationist resistance is, indeed, 'going to be tough.'....

"The fight for the right to vote in the South loomed large in the discussion of several workshops. Here, again, there was impressive participation by Southern delegates. They cited a wide range of concrete problems--refusal to accept poll tax payments from Negroes, arbitrary 'disqualification' of Negro citizens by registrars, threats and violence directed against Negro voters--as in the recent murder of Rev. George W. Lee in Belzoni, Mississippi--obstacles to voting in the (now illegal) 'white primary,' and many others. They also reported significant achievements--in breaking through many barriers and increasing the number of Negro voters, in winning important footholds in the Democratic Party organization, and in the election of

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"Negroes to state and local public office. It was clear from the discussion that the right-to-vote movement is one of the most powerful civil rights struggles under way in the South and that local branches of N.A.A.C.P. are actively involved in its development.

"This question was dealt with formally in a resolution which pledges the Association 'to use all legal means to destroy restrictions and practices which adversely affect the right to register and vote.' The resolution also declares 'We believe that we can and must have three million colored voters in the South by 1956.'....

"The Convention resolution on housing 'reiterates our policy that members of all minority groups should be able to live in the place and location of their choice and economic status'; condemns discriminatory practices of 'real-estate brokers, home builders, banks and other lending institutions'; raises a number of concrete demands, diected to federal housing agencies. It is evident that here is a major civil rights issue around which N.A.A.C.P. branches are conducting widespread struggles.....

"During recent years N.A.A.C.P. conventions have been the occasion for leaders of the Association to laud the current President of the United States.....

"But a radical change was registered at Atlantic City. There the main spokesmen of the Association very deliberately hurled sharp criticisms at President Eisenhower because of his expressed opposition to the N.A.A.C.P.-sponsored anti-discrimination amendment which Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. had had incorporated in the National Reserves Bill then pending in the House, and to similar amendments proposed for pending federal-aid-to education bills.....

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"As noted in the concluding address by Roy Wilkins, sharp criticism at this Convention was directed, not only at Eisenhower and the G.O.P., but likewise at the Democrats. The very significant address by Clarence Mitchell, for example, began with the statement that 'Republicans and Democrats have united in a bi-partisan program of smothering civil rights legislation in the Eighty-Fourth Congress.' He challenged the effort of Democrats 'to hide behind the South when explaining their failures on civil rights,' pointing out that New York's Representative Celler, West Virginia's Senator Kilgore and Washington's Senator Magnuson all head committees which are sitting on civil rights bills--and that 'northern and western Representatives and Senators outnumber southern members on the Senate and House Labor Committees where FEPC is bottled up.'....

"This was the setting in which the Convention adopted its very fine resolution on Political Action. Criticizing the President and Congress for 'betraying' the fight for civil rights--'neither of the major political parties has kept a single platform pledge on civil rights legislation'--the resolution endorses the lobbying apparatus proposed by Clarence Mitchell and calls 'upon the National Office and Board of Directors to use the most dramatic and effective methods with the second session of the 84th Congress to bring civil rights legislation before the Congress for passage and before the conventions of the major political parties for consideration in the 1956 platforms.'

"In short, the Convention, very forcefully, declared the N.A.A.C.P.'s political independence from the Eisenhower Administration--a big advance over previous years; and it called for concerted pressure now on both major political parties for progressive

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"legislation--which is precisely the best policy it could adopt in preparation for the national elections of next year.....

"N.A.A.C.P. is probably more highly conscious than any other Negro mass organization of the decisive importance of trade-union support in the fight for Negro rights; and this fact was demonstrated anew at its 46th Annual Convention.....

"This recognition of the need for labor support was reflected in Labor Secretary Hill's pre-Convention letter to many trade unions, inviting them to send fraternal delegates to participate in the workshop on Organizing Labor and the N.A.A.C.P. It was spelled out even more clearly in his prepared speech on 'The Role of Organized Labor in Effecting School Integration.' Hill characterized the unions as 'a significant power group' to aid in the fight for desegregation, stressing their importance in 'helping to resolve conflicts and tensions within the general community.' He urged trade unions to issue public declarations in support of school integration, especially in the South, and 'to invoke disciplinary action against members who take part in public demonstrations against desegregation.'

"The Convention resolution on Labor and Industry is even more fully expressive of N.A.A.C.P.'s very positive orientation toward the labor movement; and it reflects a high degree of maturity on this question. The opening section 'reaffirms' the Association's 'support of democratic trade unionism and the principle of collective bargaining,' pointing out that 'hundreds of thousands of Negro workers (more accurately, nearly two million) belong to labor unions in every part of the country.'.... Then follows this

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"truly advanced call for the necessary two-way approach to building the Negro-labor alliance:

> "We urge our branches and state conferences wherever possible to seek the support of responsible trade unions for measures that we favor, and in turn give our support to such measures supported by organized labor as are consistent with our policy and program.

"The second section of the Labor and Industry resolution is on the A. F. of L.-C.I.O. merger. It 'endorses the historic merger agreement'; asserts that 'a strong and united labor movement represents a powerful weapon in the struggle to end racial discrimination in the training and employment of Negro workers'; and calls 'on the new Federation to launch an intensive drive to organize the unorganized in the South especially.'....

"The third section of the resolution headed 'Non-Cooperation with Communist-Controlled Unions,' reaffirms the Association's 'official policy that no branch or state conference of the N.A.A.C.P. will endorse, participate in, or cooperate with Communist-controlled unions or with unions dominated by underworld racketeering elements.' It makes clear that reference is 'particularly ... to those international unions expelled from organized labor for being under Communist control or under racketeering control and still under that control*'; and asserts that support given to or accepted from such unions 'will not help but rather will hinder our efforts to win adoption of our program.' Several delegates expressed vigorous opposition to this statement of policy; but it was adopted by an overwhelming majority--and without any really substantial debate.

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"As reported out by the Resolutions Committee, the wording of this ban on cooperation with the independent unions expelled from C.I.O. is identical with that of the 1954 Convention resolution--with two significant exceptions. First, this year's resolution, by adding the qualification '...and still under that (i.e., Communist) control,' seemingly opens the door to N.A.A.C.P. cooperation with formerly banned unions which have effected mergers with other, politically more acceptable, internationals. Second, the 1954 Convention resolution stated that 'the prohibition against working with Communist-controlled unions shall also include the National Negro Labor Council, because it is completely Communist-dominated...'; but this item was left out of the Resolution Committee's report at the 1955 Convention. Upon being queried about this omission, the Chairman of the Committee explained that it was deliberate, based on 'advice of counsel'; and when pressed for further explanation, he stated that the provision might be construed by the courts as 'libelous.' On motion from the floor, and again with only inconsequential protest, the prohibition against cooperation with N.N.L.C. was incorporated in the resolution.

"Thus, N.A.A.C.P. again embraced as its own the C.I.O. policy of opposition to the expelled independent unions. In so doing, it once more endorsed the Big Lie now incorporated in the Brownell-Butler provisions of the Communist Control Act, about which even the anti-Communist sections of the labor movement are becoming increasingly concerned.

"It is doubtful that a score of the voting delegates at the convention could name the unions proscribed by this resolution, or that they had any real interest in the trade-union policy struggle which lies at the root of this question. They voted for the resolution because it was proposed by leaders in whom

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"they have confidence, and because they had no special reason for opposing it--especially in the anti-Communist political climate of this period. The leaders of the Association were probably motivated chiefly by a desire to hold firm their close relations with C.I.O.--even at the expense of a truly independent policy for N.A.A.C.P. But it seems to this observer that a dispute which arises within the ranks of labor and which does not involve issues of Negro rights should be fought out in the labor movement, not in the organizations of the Negro people. The N.A.A.C.P. would be well advised to end its intervention in this intra-labor conflict, because such intervention represents only a drag on the whole Negro freedom movement.....

"There was very little discussion at Atlantic City of the Cold War erosion of the Bill of Rights or of the struggle for peace; but the Convention did adopt, with little or no debate, a series of significant resolutions on these questions. The policies asserted are, for the most part, progressive; but there are also important limitations--and they operate to weaken the Association's advanced position in the fight for Negro democratic rights.

"There are several notably progressive policy statements in the civil liberties field. The resolution on Academic Freedom, for example, opposes 'any and all efforts to suppress freedom of thought and objective learning,' and particularly condemns 'the discharge of teachers on the basis of charges by "nameless informers."' The resolution on the Federal Security-Loyalty Program demands 'that all persons accused of being a security risk shall have the right to know the nature of the charges against them, the source of the charges and the right to be confronted by the accuser and to cross-examine the witnesses against them.' and condemns as 'odious' the Federal Government's use of 'paid professional informers.'

"The resolution on Congressional Investigations asserts that 'many innocent persons have been charged with "'treasonable or subversive conduct and given no opportunity to know the evidence against them or to defend themselves or their reputation with the consequent loss of their employment,' and calls 'on the Congress and the legislatures of the several states to enact rules of fair play' for the conduct of such investigations. The resolution on the McCarran-Walter Anti-Immigration Act calls 'for revision...to eliminate the national origins quota system and other racist-based provisions, and to liberalize its procedures in accordance with fair and equal treatment for all immigrants and prospective immigrants.'

"The Convention was silent, however, on the civil liberties violations entailed by the Smith Act, the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950, and the Communist Control Act of 1954. Moreover, in formal endorsement of the Big Lie which operates as the premise for precisely those violations of civil liberties which the Association condemns, the Convention again adopted, without discussion, its resolution reaffirming 'our rejection of Communism as an anti-democratic way of life,' and calling on all branches 'to be constantly alert against attempts of Communists and their sympathizers...to infiltrate and gain control of any units of our organization.'

"The Convention also shied away from certain key issues on which, with little danger of appearing 'too progressive,' it might well have advanced its position on the question of civil liberties. For example, the Supreme Court declaration that the right to travel abroad is a 'natural right' was handed down during the early days of the Convention, and has subsequently been used by several Negro newspapers as the basis for editorial demands that Paul Robeson be granted a passport. Also, shortly before the Convention, Federal Judge William H. Hastie, a member of N.A.A.C.P.'s National Board of Directors, wrote an historic dissenting opinion which exposes the fraud inherent in the imprisonment of Communists for alleged violation of the Smith Act. But the Convention ignored both of these questions; and at the same time it gave comfort to the main

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"enemies of civil liberties--always the most rabid racists--by reaffirming its policies of 'Anti-Communism' and 'Non-Cooperation with Communist-Controlled Unions.'

"Even so, it is important to note that the proceedings of this Convention were markedly free of red-baiting, either from the platform or from the floor. In sharp contrast to the 1954 Dallas Convention--which featured virulent anti-Communism from the keynote address of Channing Tobias to the concluding speeches of Ralph Bunche and Walter White--not one national leader of the Association made a red-baiting speech at Atlantic City; and there was extremely little of it from the delegates. This fact, coupled with the Resolution Committee's deliberate omission of a recommendation for non-cooperation with the National Negro Labor Council, suggests that the N.A.A.C.P. leadership may be taking a second look at the contradiction between its generally advanced position on civil liberties and its endorsement of the Big Lie of anti-Communism.....

"As with certain key questions in the civil liberties field, the Convention did not discuss or take any action on such concrete issues in the fight for peace as the situation around Formosa, the seating of China in the United Nations, the unification of Germany or the banning of nuclear weapons.

"One gets the impression that the N.A.A.C.P. is following a 'cautious' and rather opportunist policy in these fields. Whereas the Association asserts a bold and independent position in the fight for civil rights--which it properly regards as its main business--it acts with seeming deference to the Eisenhower Administration on questions of civil liberty and foreign policy, especially the latter. Where special 'Negro interests' are directly involved, N.A.A.C.P. tends to assert advanced policies, even critical of the Administration. But on many other 'hot' issues it tends to remain silent, or to make general gestures of obeisance to the powers that be--largely 'for the record.'

"The 46th Annual Convention of N.A.A.C.P. met in the context of political developments on the world and

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"domestic scenes which profoundly affect the welfare of our country as a whole and of the Negro people in particular. In what ways were these developments reflected in the Atlantic City Convention? How shall we appraise the N.A.A.C.P. as a force in the important political struggles which lie immediately ahead? What tasks are entailed for the labor-progressive movement as a whole?

"In the first place, it is clear that N.A.A.C.P. is determined to press the fight for Negro democratic rights in a big way, especially around the schools question, jobs, housing, and the right to vote in the South. Moreover, while continuing to rely heavily upon its talented lawyers and the courts, the Association is giving important new emphasis to organized legislative action focused on Congress and to mass people's struggles in the local communities. The further development of its program along these lines will surely enhance the effectiveness of N.A.A.C.P. as, without question, the foremost civil rights organization of the Negro people.

"Second, the growth of N.A.A.C.P. membership seems to lag considerably behind its potentialities and needs, especially when one considers the dynamic program, the mounting prestige and the difficult tasks reflected at this Convention. The current membership of around 250,000 is very substantial; but it is little more than half the total of a decade ago, and the decline is only partially explained by the increase of the membership fee.

"It would seem to be quite possible to build an N.A.A.C.P. of 1,000,000 or more members under the objective conditions of this period; but to do so will require a more thoroughly democratic policy in the conduct of the Association's affairs than was reflected at the Convention. The rules of procedure, for example, seriously limited participation from the floor, with but little of that full and rounded discussion and debate essential for maximum understanding of the Association's program and enthusiasm for building the organization. This Convention, like its predecessors, was tightly controlled from the top.

"In this connection, there were many evidences at the Convention that the development of youth work is being

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"seriously neglected--if not actively discouraged--by leaders of the Association. Yet, considering the increasing ferment among young people on a wide range of social questions, there is no doubt that N.A.A.C.P., with little effort, could build a vital and extensive network of youth councils and college chapters, and thus greatly stimulate the growth of the Association and enhance its effectiveness generally.

"N.A.A.C.P can be built into a much larger and far more powerful civil rights organization; and the tasks it now faces urgently require that this be done. The main thing needed, in the opinion of this observer, is for leaders of the Association to unleash the initiative of its many members and supporters below, and to rally them in truly mass struggles for the achievement of its goals.

"Third, the Convention registered a radical and very important shift of the Association away from support of the Eisenhower Administration and toward a more independent course in domestic affairs.

"Certainly, the Atlantic City Convention revealed a definite stiffening of the Association's attitude toward the President and the G.O.P.; and it was accompanied by sharp criticism of the compromising northern Democrats in Congress. There was no clear indication of the present orientation of N.A.A.C.P. leaders toward the coming national elections; but if they implement the Convention's call for vigorous independent political action during the next fifteen months, they will surely contribute much to the electoral strength of the democratic forces in 1956.

"Fourth, the Convention reaffirmed and in some respects strengthened the Association's already progressive policy on civil liberties--especially around the security-loyalty question and the Government's use of paid informers; and it made some slight steps forward on the question of foreign policy--notably in relation to the Asian-African Conference and the Geneva meeting of the 'Big Four.'

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"The continuing serious limitations of the Association's policy in these fields must be understood chiefly as a reflection of the present relations of forces in our country. On the question of 'anti-Communism,' for example, it would have been unrealistic to suppose that any explicit change of position could be registered at Atlantic City. Although the Negro people, because of their own oppression, do tend to be more sensitive than the general population to all kinds of undemocratic measures, still, given today's political climate, we could hardly expect the N.A.A.C.P. now to undertake a task which even the labor movement thus far eschews.

"Fifth, the Atlantic City Convention re-emphasized the fact that N.A.A.C.P. is the key to building the Negro-labor alliance. Not only did the Convention call for labor's help in the fight for Negro rights; it also endorsed practically all of labor's current economic demands and defended labor's right to engage in independent political action. When one considers, further, that C.I.O's Walter Reuther is a member of the Association's National Board of Directors, that there is an increasingly active Labor Department in the National Office, that the two-years-old Labor and Industry Committees are beginning to play a vital role in the local branches, and that scores of unions consider it important to send fraternal delegates to the Annual Conveniton, it is probable that no people's organization in America, Negro or white, has so conscious and organized a relationship with the labor movement as does the N.A.A.C.P. Here, surely, is the most advanced expression of the Negro-labor alliance on the current scene.

"It is clear that the Association is eager further to develop its relations with labor--as, indeed, it must. The fond reformist conceit that integration can be achieved through the good graces of the ruling class has been dealt some shattering blows in the recent period; and the leaders of N.A.A.C.P.--as is beginning to be true of other Negro people's organizations--are forced to look more and more to the working class for support. In this quest for allies in the labor movement, they will also find it necessary, in time, to reappraise their relations with the Left as a part of the working class.

"Sixth, the Convention highlighted the big opportunity now before the labor-progressive movement to cement its ties with the whole Negro people through closer cooperation with the key and influential N.A.A.C.P. There are many concrete ways in which white and Negro progressives, especially those in the trade unions, can contribute to this end.

"They can help to build the membership of the Association in the ranks of the unions. It is reported, for example, that one Negro trade unionist in the New York area recruited more than 300 new N.A.A.C.P. members during the recent membership campaign of his branch. His role could well be emulated by hundreds of trade unionists throughout the country.

"They can help to develop the N.A.A.C.P. Labor and Industry Committees into even more vital and influential units, and thereby to involve the Association increasingly in direct cooperative relations with the trade unions.

"They can encourage their unions to make financial contributions to the Association's Freedom Fund, and to take out Life Memberships for union officials.

"They can influence their unions to give active support to the legislative demands of the Association, and especially to cooperate with local branches in the fight for school integration, for non-discrimination in housing, and for the right to vote in the South.

"The most important task progressives in the unions can now undertake is to win trade union support for the Atlantic City Convention's call on the coming merged labor Federation 'to launch an intensive drive to organize the unorganized in the South.' Nothing could contribute more during this period to strengthen labor's ties with the whole Negro people than for the new Federation to carry through a massive campaign to organize many millions of southern white and Negro workers. Nor is there any other single task which

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"could now contribute more toward building the national trade-union movement and strengthening the entire democratic coalition.....

"Finally, in the light of developments revealed by this analysis, one must conclude with an over-all positive estimate of the 46th Annual Convention of the N.A.A.C.P.

"The Convention did reveal significant weaknesses in N.A.A.C.P. policy and program, especially in its continuing 'anti-Communism' and its reluctance to tackle certain very important, concrete issues in the fight for peace and freedom. Notable also in this regard is the Association's continuing failure to develop any program on the basic land question in the South. These limitations flow in large measure, from the reformist ideology which dominates the middle-class leadership of the Association. The necessary corrective lies in developing a stronger base of active trade unionists in the organization, together with much more substantial support of its program by the labor-progressive movement.

"There can be no doubt that in the context of the changing political scene, and given much more substantial support by the labor movement--a task for which progressives in the unions have a special responsibility--the N.A.A.C.P. will continue to move forward as an increasingly powerful force in the fight for the civil rights of the Negro people, and also in the broader struggle for democracy and peace. The Atlantic City Convention made important contributions to this end."

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CIVIL RIGHTS MOBILIZATION FOR WASHINGTON

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 31, 1955, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled "Civil Rights Mobilization Set for Washington, Reuther Says." This article states that a giant people's mobilization, timed to convene in Washington early in 1956, as efforts are made to obtain passage of civil rights legislation in Congress, is planned by the NAACP and cooperating organizations. The article states that this was disclosed by WALTER REUTHER, President of the United Auto Workers (UAW) in a call to action letter to the UAW Locals and Fair Practices Committee.

REUTHER's letter accompanied a statement of the UAW's General Executive Board which contained the union's views on the deaths of EMMETT TILL and other Negroes in Mississippi and a program of stepped-up action on the civil rights front by the union of 1,500,000 members. The UAW's statement and program in part were set out as follows:

> "Our international union is working with the NAACP and a host of other organizations who are planning as a part of the total overall civil rights program a nation-wide civil rights mobilization to be convened in Washington early next year so that we and thousands of other Americans can express to Congress the overwhelming desire of the American people for the enactment of civil rights legislation."

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This article also reflects that the Executive Board authorized a donation of $5,000 to the NAACP's "Fight for Freedom Fund" and called upon the locals of the UAW to do as follows:

> "Add their local donations to the NAACP's fund to be forwarded to the NAACP's offices at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.
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> "Write immediately to Congressmen and Senators requesting that they work for and vote for enactment of effective civil rights at the opening of Congress, January, 1956.
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> "Urge Congressmen to use every influence to get pending civil rights bills in the House Judiciary Committee (there are 53 of them) reported out. They should be urged to join with others for a discharge procedure, if that procedure becomes necessary, to get the bills on the floor of Congress for debate and vote.
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> "Senators should be reminded that a filibuster can be broken when the majority of Senators desire to break it by wearing the filibuster out with the same determination and stamina as the type displayed by the enemies of civil rights."

This article, under a subtitle "World Issue," reflects that the issue of civil rights in America has become a matter of world concern. The article states that Congress has not adopted a single civil rights measure in the past 80 years, attributing this fact in a large part to the lack of a majority rule in Congress. The article concludes with a UAW statement which criticizes the Administration's failure to advance civil rights legislation.

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SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 20, 1955, page 1, column 2, contains an article entitled "Georgia Plans to Outlaw NAACP as 'Subversive.'" This article states that Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK accused the NAACP of becoming "part and parcel of the Communist conspiracy." The article states that COOK charged the activities of the NAACP and its local fronts as posing a serious threat to the peace, tranquility, the government and way of life of the State of Georgia, and promised to put the facts before the Georgia Legislature for appropriate action.

According to the article, COOK stated that his office and the staffs of Representative JAMES C. DAVIS of Georgia and Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND (D. Miss.) conducted a thorough investigation into the NAACP. COOK stated that he would welcome the chance to present the evidence in court. COOK said: "On the basis of the evidence now in hand, no other conclusion can be drawn but that the NAACP is being used as a front and tool by subversive elements in this country."

The article continues: "Either knowingly or unwittingly, it has allowed itself to become part and parcel of the Communist conspiracy to overthrow the democratic governments of this nation and its sovereign states."

The article states that COOK linked a number of the NAACP officials with Communist activity. In addition, the article states: "Through its activities, the NAACP is fomenting strife and discord between the white and Negro races in the South.... These activities, carried to their ultimate conclusion, can only result in conflict, bloodshed and internal revolution, delivering this nation into the hands of international Communism."

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The article also sets forth that ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, denounced the accusation made by Attorney General EUGENE COOK of Georgia that the NAACP was a "subversive" organization or "part of the Communist conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. Government."

WILKINS stated that COOK's speech, which was made before the Annual Convention of Georgia Peace Officers, was apparently part of a conspiracy by some Southern officials to combat the Supreme Court's order to desegregate the public schools by charging the NAACP with being subversive.

In addition, WILKINS charged that "The real subversives are those who defy the Constitution of our country and openly declare they will not obey it, or who scheme to evade it and counsel others to do likewise.

"Cook said that the Supreme Court ruling on segregation in public schools should not be obeyed. He has advised on ways and means of circumventing it. It is he, not we, who are seeking to undermine the Government of the U.S. There is nothing subversive in demanding equality under the Constitution. The Constitution prescribes equality for citizens. Those who deny that equality are subverting the Constitution."

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 25, 1955, on page 1, column 1, contains an article entitled "Eastland Threatens Witchhunt Probe of NAACP Supporters."

This article states that JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi's national weapon in the fight to retain segregation, indicated that he will attempt a witch-hunt "investigation" of the NAACP. According to the article, EASTLAND charged that the NAACP is "heavily infiltrated" with subversive persons. The statement by EASTLAND was made in Jackson, Mississippi, the day after Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK announced his proposal to have the NAACP placed on his state's "Subversive List."

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The article reflects that EASTLAND stated that Attorney General COOK was "on the right track" in branding the NAACP "subversive" and added that he thought it "timely" to investigate the group's source of funds.

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STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories.

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division for the period of this report.

At Mobile Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division for the period of this report.

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported.

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the Communist Party has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona.

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No information has been reported which would indicate that attempts are being made by the Communist Party to infiltrate branches of the NAACP in Arkansas.

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Labor Youth League (LYL)
Aims Concerning the NAACP

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COLORADO

At Denver, Colorado

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At San Diego, California

No information has been developed which would indicate there is any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the San Diego Division.

At San Francisco, California

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BELLARMINO J. DURAN, in United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, on April 27, 1955, testified that he was a member of the Communist Party during the latter part of 1948 until April 3, 1955, on behalf of the Government [redacted]

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New Haven Chapter

An article appearing on page 23 of the December 3, 1954, issue of the "New Haven Register" entitled "NAACP Chapter Host Tomorrow to N. E. Parley" reflects the New Haven Chapter, NAACP Youth Council would be host to more than 150 delegates to the 2nd Annual Workshop of the New England Regional Conference of the NAACP Youth Council and College Chapters. The article indicates the workshop would be opened at Winchester School, 8:00 A.M., December 4, 1954.

This article indicates that registered delegates represented NAACP Youth Chapters in Hartford, Bridgeport, Stamford, Meriden, Waterbury, Norwalk, New Britain and Plainville, Connecticut.

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This article reflects that JAMES GIBBS was listed among members of the New Haven Chapter NAACP Reception Group. NATL. ASSOC. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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An article appearing on page 23 of the January 16, 1955, issue of the "New Haven Evening Register" entitled "Levy to Address Local Chapter of NAACP Thursday" sets forth information that installation of new officers would take place at the meeting. The names of one attorney, CATHERINE RORABACK, and one SAUL FRIEDLER are listed as Executive Board members to be installed. NATL. ASSOC. F. THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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DELAWARE

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

No additional information has been received disclosing any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia for the period of this report.

FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No additional information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida for the period of this report.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No additional information has been received revealing any Communist infiltration of the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

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At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Georgia covered by the Savannah Division.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

It has been previously reported that the NAACP is nonexistent in Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts by the Communist Party to infiltrate the chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

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At Springfield, Illinois

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Springfield Division.

INDIANA

At Indianapolis, Indiana

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Gary, Indiana Branch

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IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No additional information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branchs in the State of Iowa.

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas.

KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Kentucky.

LOUISIANA

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Efforts by the CP to Infiltrate the NAACP

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MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine.

MARYLAND

At Baltimore, Maryland

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No information has been reported to indicate Communist Party infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division.

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

At St. Louis, Missouri.

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branch in St. Louis Division.

MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported.

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NEBRASKA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No additional information of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP has been reported.

NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration or control of the NAACP chapters in Nevada,

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire.

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NEW JERSEY

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At Newark, New Jersey

46th National Convention of the NAACP
June 21-26, 1955
Atlantic City, New Jersey

An article in the "Atlantic City Press", an Atlantic City, New Jersey, newspaper, the June 20, 1955 issue, stated that the 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP would begin on June 21, 1955 and 750 delegates were expected to attend.

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EMMETT LOUIS TILL Case

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The "Buffalo Evening News" and "Buffalo Courier Express", local newspapers, on October 6, 1955, carried news articles relative to Reverend KENNETH A. BOWEN, President of the Buffalo Chapter NAACP, as disavowing all knowledge of relationship with "a mimeographed letter being circulated by the CP of Erie County." In his statement to the press, Reverend BOWEN mentioned that "The NAACP has no known Communists within its ranks in the national or local level. We stand in strong opposition to anything with even a Communist tinge."

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NORTH CAROLINA

At Charlotte, North Carolina

JUNIUS IRVING SCALES, Chairman, CP, USA District 29, was arrested on November 18, 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee following an indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury, Middle District of North Carolina, charging him with violation of the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940. SCALES was subsequently convicted in the United States District Court, Greensboro, North Carolina, and sentenced on April 22, 1955 to six years at the Federal Penitentiary.

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NORTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in North Dakota.

OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No information has been received indicating CP influence or infiltration of the NAACP in the Cincinnati Division.

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OKLAHOMA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oklahoma has been received.

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ORGEGON

At Portland, Oregon

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oregon has been received.

PENNSYLVANIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Branch, NAACP

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THOMAS NABRIED, ROBERT KLONSKY, and JOSEPH ROBERTS, [redacted], were convicted of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940 on August 13, 1954, in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on June 20, 1955. These individuals received sentences ranging from two to three years. They are presently free on bail pending appeal to the Third Judicial Circuit Court.

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CI has infiltrated or dominated the NAACP in the Pittsburgh Division.

RHODE ISLAND

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Rhode Island.

SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in South Dakota.

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TENNESSEE

At Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis Branch

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At Knoxville, Tennessee

An item appearing in the "Knoxville News-Sentinel", Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 9, 1955, reported that at the State Convention of the NAACP, in its closing session in Knoxville, it was reported that HELEN PARSONS, Knoxville, was elected to the new office of Assistant Secretary.

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At El Paso, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the El Paso Division.

At Houston, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the Houston Division.

At San Antonio, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the San Antonio Division.

UTAH

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the State of Utah.

VERMONT

At Albany, New York

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Vermont.

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VIRGINIA

At Richmond, Virginia

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of NAACP in the Richmond Division.

At Norfolk, Virginia

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the Norfolk Division.

WASHINGTON

At Seattle, Washington

No additional information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the State of West Virginia.

WISCONSIN

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Madison, Wisconsin, Chapter

An article appeared on page six of "The Capital Times", a daily Madison, Wisconsin, newspaper, issue of September 28, 1955, reflected that steps toward protesting the handling of the EMMETT TILL murder trial by the State of Mississippi were taken in Madison on September 27, 1955 by the Madison Chapter of the NAACP. The article reflected that among the three individuals mentioned by the chairman of a committee to seek community cooperation in protesting the handling of the TILL murder trial, was RICHARD HERSCHCOFF.

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WYOMING

No information has been received to indicate that the NAACP in Wyoming has been infiltrated by the CP.

DISTRICTS OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP Branch in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Albany, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, Newark, New Haven, and Philadelphia Offices in view of the indicated activity on the part of the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP within these respective territories. u

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results as of April 15 and October 15, of each calendar year. u

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Report of SA [redacted] New York, 7/19/55. u
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This report deals with the "Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights," which was first announced in 10/55 as joint venture of NAACP and cooperating organizations. Information re identity of sponsoring organization, the "Leadership Conference on Civil Rights," its officers, and 51 participating organizations set out. Aims were to call the attention of Congress to an 8 point civil rights program. The Assembly agenda, general instructions, examples of civil rights violations, the visiting of Congressmen and reports on visits, reported by informants as followed. Assembly reported as orderly and attended by between 1500 and 2000 persons. Informants report no indication of CP infiltration or influence in Assembly actions. NAACP took steps to prevent such infiltration by delegation limitations. Literature re the Louisville Case, "The Militant," and the "Daily Worker" was made available outside of Conference meetings. [redacted] SAs of the FBI observed [redacted] described as CP leaders, in Washington, during the Assembly and together in each other's company, as well as in attendance at meetings of the Assembly, although it was noted they did not have delegate credentials. Activities of local persons with Communist background, as well as certain other CP members set forth. [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This report deals entirely with the "Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights" (DACR), also known as the Civil Rights Mobilization, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), March on Washington, National Assembly for Civil Rights, National Conference on Civil Rights, and National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights.

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I. ASSEMBLY ORIGIN

The "Daily Worker," (DW) issue of October 31, 1955, on page one, columns one to five, in an article, "Civil Rights Mobilization Set For Washington, REUTHER Says," reflected that WALTER REUTHER, President of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), issued a call to action letter to all UAW locals regarding a "giant people's mobilization" timed to convene in Washington early next year (1956). It stated that this mobilization had been planned by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and cooperating organizations, including the UAW, as a part of an overall civil rights program. It stated that this program was more comprehensive than any in the current protest growing out of the EMMETT TILL Case. This article describes EMMETT TILL as a "Negro" who was "murdered" in Mississippi.

[redacted] the leadership of the NAACP had directed the Chicago NAACP Branch to spearhead the recruitment of delegates from local organizations to attend a national conference on civil rights scheduled for early 1956, which conference would be spearheaded by the NAACP national organization. X(u) b2 b7D

II. ASSEMBLY SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

X(u) [redacted] that reservations were being made at the Willard Hotel for March 4 - 6, 1956, for instant Assembly, in the name of the LCCR. b2 b7D

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(u) [redacted] made available a pamphlet, "Congress Must Act — On Civil Rights," which lists the sponsoring organization as the "Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, 20 West 40th Street, New York, New York."

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A. OFFICERS

The pamphlet, "Congress Must Act — On Civil Rights," previously referred to, lists ROY WILKINS as Chairman of the LCCR and ARNOLD ARONSON as Secretary of the LCCR.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," a Washington daily newspaper, issue of February 6, 1956, reflects that the Assembly was to be called by ROY WILKINS, who was Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

(u) [redacted] made available information which reflected that ARNOLD ARONSON represented the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

B. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

The DW*, issue of February 3, 1956, in an article, "Mass Lobby to Hit Capital March 4 for Civil Rights," states that among the 51 groups affiliated with the LCCR were the major civil rights and religious organizations, and the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," issue of February 6, 1956, in an article, "Assembly Called On Civil Rights," announced that the LCCR was composed of church, labor, fraternal, civic, and minority group organizations.

The pamphlet, "Congress Must Act — On Civil Rights," lists the following organizations as participating organizations:

A.M.E. Zion Church
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council on Human Rights
American Federation of Labor
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Veterans Committee
National Association of Colored Women, Inc.
National Baptist Convention, USA
National Bar Association
National Catholic Committee on Race Relations
National Community Relations Advisory Council

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Americans for Democratic Action
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL
Catholic Interracial Council
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church
Congress of Industrial Organizations
Congress of Racial Equality
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders International Union of America, AFL
Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, AFL
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
National Alliance of Postal Employees
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Negro Women
National Frontiers Club
National Negro Business League
National Newspaper Publishers Association
National Religion and Labor Foundation
National Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Phi Delta Kappa Sorority
Textile Workers Union, CIO
The American Ethical Union
The Workmen's Circle
Transport Workers Union of America, CIO
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice
United Automobile Workers of America, CIO
United Hebrew Trades
United Rubber Workers, CIO
United Steelworkers of America, CIO
United Transport Service Employees of America, CIO
Workers Defense League
Young Women's Christian Association

III. ASSEMBLY AIMS

The DW*, issue of October 31, 1955, previously referred to, reflects that one of the Conference aims was to be the expression to Congress of the overwhelming desire of the American people for the enactment of civil rights legislation.

The pamphlet, "Congress Must Act — On Civil Rights," published by the LCCR, and dated December, 1955, sets forth the aims as "The Civil Rights Worksheet for 1956," and lists the following eight points:

"1. Set up an effective Federal FEPC to prevent discrimination in employment.

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"2. Make Federal funds for education, housing, and welfare available only to those programs and projects that comply with Constitutional bars against segregation and other forms of discrimination.

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"3. Make lynching and other assaults by public officials or private citizens, acting either in concert or individually, on persons or property because of race, color, religion or national origin, a Federal crime.

"4. Wipe out interference with the right to register or vote in primary or general Federal elections, and abolish the poll tax.

"5. Create a Civil Rights Division within the Department of Justice, headed by an Assistant Attorney General, with authority to protect civil rights in all sections of the country.

"6. Establish a permanent Federal Commission on Civil Rights to make continuous appraisals and to recommend action with respect to civil rights problems.

"7. Eliminate remaining segregation and other forms of discrimination in interstate travel.

"8. Establish majority rule in the Senate and House of Representatives.

This pamphlet also carries a section, "Getting Action by Congress," which informs the readers as to how they should get Congressmen to act on the eight points and the action they should take to get these eight points enacted.

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The DW*, issue of February 3, 1956, previously referred to, states regarding the Conference, March 4 - 6, 1956, in Washington,

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"We intend to buttonhole Congressmen and demand passage of measures, especially bills to protect the individual and the right to vote. These two problems have been highlighted by the Mississippi situation." The article went on to state that it was also intended to ask more power for the Justice Department in dealing with civil rights matters, and that the civil rights section of the Justice Department be given broad powers and additional personnel, as a full-fledged Division of the Department of Justice.

✓ The DW*, issue of February 8, 1956, in an article, "8-Point Program Drawn Up for Mass Civil Rights Lobby in Capital," states that Congress would be urged by more than 2,000 delegates from Negro, labor, church, fraternal, and people's organizations on March 4 - 6, 1956, to enact an eight point legislative program on civil rights. According to ROY WILKINS, who called the mobilization, the 51 sponsoring organizations would ask for an eight point program which was set out in the article, and which eight points, with slight variations, were the same eight points as set forth in the pamphlet, "Congress Must Act — On Civil Rights."

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The "Evening Star," a Washington daily newspaper, issue of March 5, 1956, in an article, "1500 Delegates Back Civil Rights Campaign," reflected that 1500 delegates from 38 states converged on Members of Congress to petition for prompt civil rights legislation, in line with demands of the NAACP, which was described by ROY WILKINS as an eight point program emphasizing the protection of the individual.

IV. ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENT

A copy of a leaflet, "Democracy on Trial," Volume I, Number 5, issue of November 11, 1955, published by the "Ohio Committee for Smith Act Defendants," page 2, reflected that the leadership of the UAW-CIO announced participation with the NAACP in a giant civil rights march on Washington in January, 1956. This leaflet stated that the lynching of EMMETT TILL spurred the demands for all civil rights action to be placed before the Congress. This leaflet was made available to the [redacted] b7D

The DW*, issue of February 3, 1956, previously referred to, reflects that representatives from Congressional Districts throughout the country, estimated at 2500 people, would gather in Washington for a civil rights mobilization March 4 - 6, 1956. It was announced by ROY WILKINS, Chairman of the LCCR, that registration would be held on March 4, that the opening mass meeting would be held at the Interdepartmental Auditorium, and all other sessions were to be held at the Willard Hotel. WILKINS reportedly stated that the mobilization was spurred by the upsurge of protest against EMMETT LOUIS TILL's and other murders in Mississippi and the rise of "White Citizens' Council" racism in Southern areas. The emphasis was to be placed on getting the widest "grass roots" representation from across the nation and, wherever possible, the Conference would seek to hold meetings on a Congressional District basis, from which representatives to the Conference would be chosen. The delegates were to be from the 51 member organizations, except those who could be certified by Conference agencies.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," issue of February 6, 1956, in the article, "Assembly Called on Civil Rights," reflects that the LCCR, according to ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, was to hold a "National Assembly" at the Willard Hotel March 4 - 6, and would meet in connection with what WILKINS foresaw as a "showdown

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fight" for enactment of civil rights legislation by Congress. CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted] that the NAACP, through ROY WILKINS, its Executive Secretary, had announced that the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights, March 4 - 6, 1956, in Washington, D. C., was sponsored by the NAACP nationally. [redacted] advised that the NAACP had allotted two delegates and two alternates from each Congressional District and after the delegates were elected, that their credentials were to be sent to the National Office of the NAACP for certification, and that each person attending as a delegate must have a form signed by the President or Secretary of the respective branch certifying him as a delegate. (U)

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The Michigan edition of "The Worker*," issue of February 12, 1956, in an article, "Rights Lobby," stated that the NAACP had announced a civil rights lobby for Washington, D. C., to be held March 4 - 6, 1956, that it was backed by 30 national organizations, including the UAW, and that 2500 delegates were expected.

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Referred to Another Government Agency

The "Afro-American," a semi-weekly newspaper, issue of March 6, 1956, in an article, "Here to Condemn Political Murderers," reflects that the Youth and College Division or Youth Delegates, after having their day on March 3, would join the main Conference of the NAACP. It was stated that organizations represented by the Youth and College Division or Youth Delegates were the Students for Democratic Action, National Youth Work Committee, Educational Alliance, Young Republicans of America, Young Democrats of America, The Young Men's Hebrew Association, and the St. Augustine Chapel of New York.

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The records of the General Services Administration, made available on February 6, 1956, reflect that reservations were made for the Interdepartmental Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on March 4 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 1956, on behalf of the NAACP.

X(U) [redacted] advised on February 29, 1956, that arrangements for the Interdepartmental Auditorium had been made by HERMAN EDELSBERG of the Washington B'nai B'rith.

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X(U) [redacted] CLARENCE MITCHELL of the Washington Branch of the NAACP had handled the reservations at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., in the name of the LCCR as follows: 75 single and 25 double sleeping rooms for March 4, 5, and 6; the Executive Room starting at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 1956; the Cabinet Room for March 4, 5, and 6, 1956, which was to be used as headquarters; the Grand Ballroom for all day March 5, 1956.

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X(U) [redacted] JOHN GUNTHER of the Americans for Democratic Action had reserved the Jefferson Room at that hotel for February 16, 1956, at 2:30 p.m., for a press conference.

X(U) [redacted] the Youth and College Division of the NAACP had reserved the Congressional Room from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 3, and the South Ballroom starting at 9:00 p.m. on March 3, 1956, for a dance. X [redacted] advised that the Cabinet Room had been reserved for 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 1956, for a meeting of 25 persons and that the Washington Room of the Hotel had been reserved as a press room, starting at 12:00 noon on March 2 to March 5, 1956.

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V. ASSEMBLY AGENDA

A. AS ANNOUNCED

(U) [redacted] made available announced agenda for the Youth and College Division and the main assembly of the DACR. The following is the combined agenda:

YOUTH AND COLLEGE DIVISION, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1956
THE CONGRESSIONAL ROOM AT THE WILLARD HOTEL

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PROGRAM

Theme: "Youth and Civil Rights"

8:00 A.M. Registration - Congressional Room, Hotel Willard

9:00 Orientation Session for Delegates

HERBERT ~~L.~~ WRIGHT, Director, Youth and College Division, NAACP
EVELYN ~~E.~~ JONES, Executive Director, S.D.A.

10:00 Panel Discussion:

"Political Action for Civil Rights"

a. Securing civil rights legislation through political action

b. The 84th Congress and civil rights.

c. The ballet as an effective instrument for desegregation.

CHAIRMAN: RAY ~~V.~~ SPRIGGS, Howard University NAACP
PARTICIPANTS: CLARENCE MITCHELL, Director Washington Bureau NAACP

12:00 P.M. Lunch

1:30 - 3:15 Panel Discussion:

"Civil Right Issues in the '56 Campaign"

CHAIRMAN: LEROY NESBITT, President South Carolina NAACP Youth Conference

Brief Address: DAVID ~~A.~~ BUNN, President National Young Democratic Club of America

Brief Address: BARRINGTON ~~D.~~ PARKER, National Young Republican Club of America

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3:30 - 5:30 Panel Discussion:

"Federal, State, and Local Action for Desegregation"

a. Education
b. Housing

CHAIRMAN: MICHAEL LANE, President Yale University NAACP
PARTICIPANTS:

ROBERT CARTER, Assistant Special Counsel NAACP
ELWOOD CHISHOLM, Counsel Department of Teacher Information and Security, NAACP
MADISON S. JONES, Special Assistant for Housing, NAACP

9:30 P.M. Dance and Social Program (Small Ballroom)

The program for the DACR, March 4 - 6, 1956, was as follows:

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. . . . . Registration
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. . . . . . Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R St., N.W.
Invocation - Rev. R. C. SHEARER
Opening Remarks, ROY WILKINS, Exec. Sec., NAACP, Chairman Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

BRIEFING SESSION

Chairman: CHARLES ZIMMERMAN*, Civil Rights Dept. Jewish Labor Committee Vice President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO

Status of civil rights bills. Do's and don'ts in calling on Congressmen and Senators. Review of commitments and records. Organization of delegations. Schedule of appointments.

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PANEL:

HERMAN EDELSBERG, Director, Washington Office
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai Brith

JOHN J. GUNTHER, Legislative Rep., Americans for
Democratic Action

Mrs. PATRICIA ROBERTS HARRIS, Exec. Dir., Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority

CLARENCE MITCHELL, Director, Washington Bureau
NAACP

PAUL SIFTON*, National Legislative Rep., United
Automobile Workers

7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. ..... Interdepartmental Auditorium, Labor Department, Constitution Avenue Entrance

Invocation: Father JOSEPH CONNOR

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Chairman: BERNARD H. TRAGER, Chairman,
National Community Relations
Advisory Council

Keynote Address, ROY WILKINS, Exec. Sec.,
NAACP, Chairman, Leadership Conference on Civil
Rights

Inquiry into the exercise of our Constitutional guarantees — The right to safety and security of the person, the right to vote, freedom of expression and assembly, the right of petition.

BOARD OF INQUIRY:

GEORGE HUNTON, Exec. Sec., Catholic Interracial Councils

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PATRICK MURPHY MALIN, Exec. Director,
American Civil Liberties
Union

SHAD POLIER, Vice-Pres., American Jewish
Congress

JOSEPH L. RAUH, National Chairman,
Americans for Democratic Action

Rev. LEON SULLIVAN, Zion Bapt. Church,
Phila.

WITNESSES:

Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Montgomery, Alabama

L. A. BLACKMAN, Elloree, South Carolina

GUS COURTS, Belzoni, Mississippi

Dr. CHESTER C. TRAVELSTEAD, Albuquerque, N.M.

Benediction: Rabbi LEON ADLER

MONDAY, MARCH 5

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. .... Conferences with Congressmen and Senators

2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. .... Grand Ballroom, Willard Hotel

CHAIRMAN: A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, International President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Vice President, of the AFL-CIO

Reports by chairmen of state delegations on conferences with members of Congress.

8 p.m. ....Grand Ballroom, Willard Hotel

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Chairman: JAMES B. CAREY, Chairman, AFL-CIO
Committee on Civil Rights,
Vice Pres., AFL-CIO, Pres.
Internat'l. Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO

Pledges and Performance - presentations by Congressional leaders and party spokesmen.

PAUL M. BUTLER, Chairman, Democratic National Committee

JOHN W. McCORMACK, Majority Leader, House of Representatives

(Invitations also extended to)

LEONARD HALL, Chairman, Republican National Committee

LYNDON JOHNSON, Senate Majority Leader

WILLIAM KNOWLAND, Senate Minority Leader

JOSEPH MARTIN, House Minority Leader

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9 a.m. - 12 noon .... Conferences with Congressmen and Senators

1:30 p.m. .... Chairman: EMIL MAZEY, Secretary-Treasurer
United Automobile Workers

Reports by Chairmen of state delegations on conferences with members of Congress.

Summation

The agenda describes ABERNATHY, BLACKMAN and COURTS as follows:

Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Alabama, is one of the indicted leaders in the Montgomery, Alabama, bus protest.

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L. A. BLACKMAN, South Carolina, is President of the NAACP, Elloree, South Carolina, who defied efforts of the Ku Klux Klan to drive him out of town.

GUS COURTS is President of the NAACP, Belzoni, Mississippi, who was shot because he refused to remove his name from the voting list.

B. MEETINGS AND OCCURANCES

1. ON MARCH 3, 1956

a). AT THE WILLARD HOTEL

(u) [redacted] the all-day session of the young people was held in the Congressional Room of the Willard Hotel, and that, although the session had been planned for 275, there were not more than 200 at the most in attendance, and there did not appear to be over 150 in attendance at any one time.

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b). DANCE AT THE WILLARD HOTEL

(u) [redacted] a dance was to be held in the South Ballroom by the Youth and College Division of the NAACP, and that attendance was expected to be in excess of 300 persons.

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2. ON MARCH 4, 1956

a). REGISTRATION

A press conference on February 16, 1956, previously reported by G-2, reflected that the Conference Headquarters was to be at the Willard Hotel, and that registration of delegates would be held on March 4, 1956, at the Willard Hotel and the 12th Street YMCA Gymnasium.

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b). AT THE METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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c). AT THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL AUDITORIUM

X(u) [redacted] the meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 p.m. by CLARENCE MITCHELL, following which ROY WILKINS made a 30 minute restrained and modest speech, in which he stated that the main points to be pursued were civil rights and voting laws. Following WILKINS' address, members of the Board of Inquiry, as listed in the Agenda, interviewed the witnesses, as listed in the Agenda, concerning their alleged denials of civil rights. The Reverend LEON SULLIVAN made a plea for everyone to send checks to the Montgomery Improvement Association, in order to finance the current struggle of the Negro in Montgomery, Alabama.

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X(u) The caucus plans of various delegations were announced, and [redacted] observation that the Interdepartmental Auditorium was filled to a standing room capacity, and the meeting was quiet and orderly. [redacted] stated that AUTHERINE LUCY was introduced and received a standing ovation.

AUTHERINE LUCY, according to the "Evening Star, issue of March 5, 1956, is a "Negro" coed who was expelled from the University of Alabama after court test and riots over her admission as a student. According to this same issue of the "Evening Star," Dr. CHESTER C. TRAVELSTEAD, one of the witnesses before the Board of Inquiry, was a person who stated that he was dismissed as the Dean of the School of Education at the University of South Carolina because he advocated compliance with the South Carolina anti-segregation rulings.

✓ The "Washington Post and Times Herald," issue of March 5, 1956, on pages 1 and 17, in an article, "Civil Rights Leader Asks for Action," stated that 2000 delegates to this Assembly heard ROY WILKINS, Chairman of the Assembly, make a keynote speech on the evening of March 4, 1956, at which time he echoed the theme that had prevailed at the briefing session at the Metropolitan Baptist Church earlier in the day, where tips had been given on how to keep Congressmen from sidestepping civil rights questions.

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[redacted] AUTHERINE LUCY made an appearance, but did not speak. [redacted] (C)

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a). VISITS TO CONGRESS

X(U) [redacted] each delegation would visit Congressmen representing the district

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from which the delegation originated, with the purpose in mind of discussing civil rights matters. (U)

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[redacted] the morning of March 5, 1956, was spent by the various state delegations in visiting their Congressmen and Senators. (U)

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The "Daily Worker*," issue of March 6, 1956, on page one, in an article, "2000 Delegates Press Congress on Rights Stand," reflects that Congressmen on March 5, 1956, from 35 states represented in the Civil Rights Assembly meeting, received the eight point legislative program from the Assembly delegates.

b). AFTERNOON AT THE WILLARD HOTEL

[redacted] on March 5, 1956, that the afternoon meeting at the Willard Hotel, which was attended by approximately 1000 persons, consisted mainly of reports of delegates from the various states and their attempts up to that time to see their various Congressmen regarding the civil rights program. The reports were incomplete and some of the states did not make a report. The New Jersey delegation, [redacted] presented a move to get ten Congressmen to call on the Attorney General and this delegation reported that Senator CLIFFORD P. CASE of New Jersey had agreed to be one of the ten Congressmen, after which the New York delegation stated that, in all probability, Senator HERBERT H. LEHMAN of New York would be one of the other nine. The purpose of this delegation specifically was to take up the Conference program on civil rights. (U)

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c). EVENING AT THE WILLARD HOTEL

The "Evening Star," issue of March 6, 1956, in an article captioned "Civil Rights Group Hears Bitter SCOTT-BUTLER Clash," reflects that delegates from 38 states enjoyed the speeches at the evening meeting of March 5, 1956, at the Willard Hotel by the representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," in the issue of March 6, 1956, in an article, "Civil Rights Assembly Erupts into Bitter Partisan Debate," reflected that the evening meeting at the Hotel Willard on March 5, 1956, was composed of speeches by PAUL M. BUTLER, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Representative HUGH SCOTT, Republican of Pennsylvania, who exchanged claims and charges before an audience of more than 2000 persons.

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d). EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(u) [redacted] it had been announced at the afternoon meeting of March 5, 1956, that an Executive Committee meeting of the Conference would take place in the Cabinet Room of the Willard Hotel following the evening meeting.

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4. ON MARCH 6, 1956

a). VISITS TO CONGRESSMEN

(u) [redacted] that during the Conference delegates were requested to and did contact their Congressmen regarding civil

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rights legislation which was beneficial to the "Negro."

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b). CLOSING MEETING AT THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL AUDITORIUM

[redacted] on March 6, 1956, that the afternoon or closing meeting, attended by some 500 to 600 persons at the Interdepartmental Auditorium on March 6, 1956, consisted of various state delegations reporting on their visits to Congressmen and that approximately 29 or 30 delegations reported on their visits [redacted] that of the Senators contacted, approximately 17 were favorable to the Assembly aims, 7 were partially favorable, and approximately 11 Senators were not in favor of the Assembly aims. Of the Congressmen contacted, approximately 69 were favorable toward the delegation aims, approximately 20 were partially in favor, and approximately 48 were reported as not in favor of the Assembly aims [redacted] that the New Jersey delegation, in addition, reflected that the majority of its Congressmen would be willing to appear before the Attorney General to request that Negroes be protected under the existing laws. X(U)

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Pennsylvania reported that two of its Congressmen would be willing to petition the Attorney General to get his views on civil rights investigation in the South.

✓ (U) [redacted] stated that ROY WILKINS' closing remarks were that if civil rights were "not an election issue before, they are now."

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5. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

[redacted] the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Hotel was limited to a 1500 capacity on both of the March 5, 1956, meetings. He stated that the capacity was checked

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by special guards hired to prevent overcrowding. [redacted] stated that it was his personal observation that not even 1500 persons were present at either of the two meetings.

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The "Evening Star," issue of March 5, 1956, in an article, "1500 Delegates Back Civil Rights Campaign," reflected that the Conference was composed of 1500 delegates from 38 states.

The "Afro-American," in its issue of March 10, 1956, in an article, "At Civil Rights Meeting: We Are Not Afraid -- Delegates," reflects that approximately 1500 delegates representing approximately 30 organizations attended the Assembly and that the largest delegations were from Michigan, Illinois, and New York.

The DW*, issue of March 6, 1956, in an article, "2000 Delegates Press Congress on Rights Stand," reflected that although there were full complements in all delegations, there was very little optimism expressed for the success of civil rights legislation during this session.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," issue of March 7, 1956, in an article, "Civil Rights Unit Closes Meeting," reflects that delegates to the National Civil Rights Assembly meeting wound up two days of visits with their Congressmen and that registration had been announced at 2000 persons, representing about 50 organizations. Regarding visits to Congressmen, ROY WILKINS, Chairman of the Assembly, stated, "We've had very few refusals" compared with 1950 when "we were last here" and he stated that even though some rejections or rebuffs were received, "your presence" and calling attention to the issues has served a purpose.

[redacted] the reports reflected that most [illegible] and Senators took a favorable attitude toward civil rights legislation sponsored by the Assembly, but it was the consensus of delegates to the Conference that no civil rights legislation would be passed during this session of Congress.

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[redacted] the sessions were devoted to various speeches by individuals whom the NAACP assisted and pushed for enactment of the eight point program, with special emphasis being given to the anti-lynching and civil rights commission, and

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the denial of right to vote laws before Congress.

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VI. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. STEPS TAKEN BY ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT INFILTRATION AND TO CONTROL THE ASSEMBLY

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[redacted] two delegates to the Conference were to be elected by each NAACP branch from each Congressional District, and that the names of the delegates were to be submitted to the National Headquarters for approval and issuance of credentials. [redacted] stated that from past experience only authorized and credential carrying delegates would be admitted as voting delegates; however, it did not preclude the admittance of observers to the Conference.

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The DW*, issue of March 5, 1956, in an article, "Civil Rights Lobby Hears Call for Vote Protection," states regarding WILKINS' speech on March 4, 1956, that both WILKINS' speech and the projected conference program were mild in tone and limited to Congressional lobbying for substantially the same legislative program advanced in 1952. It went on to state, "There was an unusually strong anti-Communist slant in the WILKINS speech. At one point WILKINS equated the racists with the Communists, saying 'We are

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concerned about both racist attempts to stifle our words and Communist attempts to exploit our recital and our proposals for Congressional action . . .'" "The exercise of constitutional rights,' WILKINS said, 'is our best answer to the Communists and Fascists who, be it noted, have one thing in common, a liking for filibuster and other substitutes for a reasonable debate and democratic decisions by majority vote.'"

The "Afro-American," issue of March 6, 1956, previously referred to, states that members of the Assembly were carefully screened to prevent possible Communist infiltration at the meetings.

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[redacted] that the meeting at the Metropolitan Baptist Church March 4, 1956, ROY WILKINS stated he did not want any Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

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B. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED OR MADE AVAILABLE

[redacted] LEWIS LUBKA*, one of the figures in the Louisville Case*, wanted to distribute a pamphlet, "A Would-Be Murderer is Walking the Streets of Louisville," during the Assembly to be held in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] advised that the following literature

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was distributed in front of the Interdepartmental Auditorium to persons entering the Auditorium on the evening of March 4, 1956:

1. The Monday (March 5, 1956) issue of "The Militant*"
2. A reprint of a page of the "Packing House Worker" for October, 1955, which was a story concerning CARL BRADEN* of Louisville, Kentucky.
3. Pamphlet, "Frame-Up in Louisville," published by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee*, 421 Seventh Ave., New York, N. Y., a story of the BRADEN Case and the Kentucky Sedition Law.

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[redacted] there were 4000 copies of the DW* at the Union Station [redacted]

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 6, 1956, during the period of 12:54 to 1:59 p.m., observed [redacted] and two other individuals passing out the March 6, 1956, issue of the DW* to persons passing or entering the Interdepartmental Auditorium.

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B. OBSERVATIONS BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI

As an aid in the review of the activities of certain of the following individuals, hotel accomodations for these individuals are being set forth, as furnished from Hotel registration records.

SA [redacted] was advised on March 3, 1956, that [redacted] and [redacted] were registered in the Charles Hotel, Room 210. b7C

SA [redacted] was advised on March 6, 1956, that [redacted] was also registered at the Charles Hotel.

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SA [redacted] was advised on March 4, 1956, that [redacted] was registered at the Mayflower Hotel.

SA [redacted] was advised on March 4, 1956, that [redacted] and [redacted] were registered at the Statler Hotel.

SA [redacted] was advised on March 4, 1956, that [redacted] was registered at the Windsor Park Hotel.

SA [redacted] was advised on March 6, 1956, that [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] were registered at the Franklin Park Hotel.

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According to observations of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [redacted] resided at [redacted] Street N.W. while in Washington, D. C.

According to observations of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the listing on the mail box at [redacted] Street N.W., [redacted], resides in Apartment 21 at that address.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the evening of March 3, 1956, observed the following persons in the Charles Hotel, during the hours as noted:

Name	Entered	Left
[redacted]	8:00 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
[redacted]	8:00 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
[redacted]	2:29 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
[redacted]	2:29 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
[redacted]	6:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
[redacted]	6:26 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
[redacted]	10:09 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
[redacted]	6:26 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
[redacted]	10:09 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
[redacted]	4:20 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
[redacted]	6:30 p.m.	
[redacted]	3:10 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
[redacted]	6:30 p.m.	

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Subsequent to 10:30 p.m. on the evening of March 2, 1956, [redacted] were observed eating together at a nearby cafe before separating.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, during the evening of March 3, 1956, observed [redacted] in the lobby of the Willard Hotel from approximately 8:00 p.m. to 8:18 p.m., while [redacted] stood on a street corner near the hotel.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the morning of March 4, 1956, observed [redacted] at the Willard Hotel. Subsequent to this, [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] and later that morning [redacted] was observed at the Willard Hotel. It is noted that it has been previously set forth that registration of delegates was taking place at the Willard Hotel on March 4, 1956.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the following persons at the Metropolitan Baptist Church on March 4, 1956, in the afternoon:

Name	Entered	Left
[redacted]	3:03 p.m.	5:09 p.m.
[redacted]	3:16 p.m.	5:09 p.m.
[redacted]	2:12 p.m.	________
[redacted]	2:12 p.m.	________
[redacted]	3:16 p.m.	4:48 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, [redacted] was observed visiting in a crowd of persons in front of the church. [redacted] was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to merge with a large group of people gathered in front of the Metropolitan Baptist Church at 12:33 p.m.

It is noted that it has been previously set forth that a meeting of the DACR was taking place at the Metropolitan Baptist Church on the afternoon of March 4, 1956.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] eating together at the Westbrook Restaurant in the early evening of March 4, 1956.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the following at the Interdepartmental Auditorium during the evening hours of March 4, 1956. [redacted] and [redacted] entered the Auditorium at 7:58 p.m. [redacted] entered the Auditorium at 7:42 p.m. [redacted] and [redacted] entered the Auditorium at 8:18 p.m. [redacted] departed the Auditorium at 8:40 p.m. During the meeting the following persons were observed sitting in the balcony of the Interdepartmental Auditorium. [redacted] Subsequent to 10:10 p.m. and the closing of the meeting, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] in each other's company, traveling to an eating place and eating prior to separating.

It is noted that it has been previously set forth that a meeting of the DACR took place at the Interdepartmental Auditorium on the evening of March 4, 1956.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed as follows at the Charles Hotel on March 5, 1956. From 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. [redacted] was not observed.

Name	Entered	Left
[redacted]	11:39 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
[redacted]	1:18 p.m.	1:25 p.m.
[redacted]	11:39 a.m.	______
[redacted]	12:05 p.m.	1:12 p.m.
[redacted]	12:05 p.m.	12:47 p.m.
[redacted]	______	1:00 p.m.
[redacted]	______	1:30 p.m.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed as follows at the Willard Hotel on the afternoon of March 5, 1956.

Name	Entered	Left
[redacted]	1:31 p.m.	5:22 p.m.
[redacted]	2:03 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
[redacted]	3:05 p.m.	______
[redacted]	4:20 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
[redacted]	4:20 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
[redacted]	3:48 p.m.	5:26 p.m.
[redacted]	2:35 p.m.	5:22 p.m.

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[redacted] upon arrival at the Willard Hotel at 1:42 p.m., until he entered the Hotel at 2:03 p.m., stood on the street in front of the Hotel in conversation with [redacted] and several young persons. They discussed the COURTS Case, as well as other purported civil rights violations. [redacted] furnished to [redacted] a pamphlet, "Behind the Lynching of EMMETT LOUIS TILL," [redacted] also mentioned the word, "credentials," during the conversation, after which [redacted] shook his head negatively and used the word, "authority."

It is noted that it has been previously set forth that a meeting of the DACR was taking place at the Willard Hotel on the afternoon of March 5, 1956.

Subsequent to 5:22 p.m. on March 5, 1956, [redacted] [redacted] were observed on the street near the Hotel, conversing for a few minutes with [redacted] of Washington, D. C.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] to visit at [redacted] Randolph Street N.W. for slightly over one hour during the late afternoon and early evening of March 5, 1956.

The Washington, D. C., City Directory lists [redacted] Randolph Street N.W. to [redacted]

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed as follows at the Charles Hotel during the early evening of March 5, 1956:

Name	Entered	Left
[redacted]	7:01 p.m.	________
[redacted]	7:03 p.m.	________
[redacted]	7:03 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
[redacted]	7:11 p.m.	7:27 p.m.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed as follows at the Willard Hotel during the evening hours of March 5, 1956. [redacted] was observed entering the Willard at 8:01 p.m. and departing at 10:31 p.m. [redacted] was observed at the Willard at 10:31 p.m. and observed departing it at 10:43 p.m.

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[redacted] was observed proceeding to the Grand Ballroom of the Willard at 9:30 p.m. [redacted] was observed proceeding to the Grand Ballroom of the Willard at 10:02 p.m.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] sitting at a table reserved for the press at the front of the Interdepartmental Auditorium during the afternoon of March 6, 1956, from 12:50 to 4:21 p.m. [redacted] upon leaving, was noted to be in conversation with [redacted] After [redacted] departed the Auditorium, [redacted] remained in conversation for approximately 25 minutes, after which [redacted] took a seat in a space reserved for the [redacted] were observed on the steps of the Interdepartmental Auditorium and in the lobby of the Auditorium for a few minutes prior to the afternoon meeting, during which time they greeted and were greeted by [redacted] and conversed with [redacted] returned to the Auditorium at 3:04 p.m., met [redacted] and left the vicinity. [redacted] was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter the Interdepartmental Auditorium at 3:17 p.m., and exit at 3:20 p.m.

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2. INTEREST BY WASHINGTON, D. C., INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS

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3. INTEREST BY OTHER INDIVIDUALS

[redacted] LEWIS LUBKA*, one of CARL BRADEN's* co-defendants and co-seditionists, planned to be in Washington, D. C., with three other

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persons for the Civil Rights Mobilization, but would not be able to come as a delegate. [redacted] LUBKA* wanted to contact some of the delegates personally, to see what could be done for him. (u)

[redacted] ANTHONY J. MORTON*, President of the Denver Branch of the NAACP, was going to Washington for a civil rights rally.

The "Afro-American," issue of March 10, 1956, lists ANTHONY J. MORTON* as a delegate from the State of Colorado.

[redacted] IRVING JONES* of Vancouver, Washington, was going to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights as a delegate from his union and his church.

[redacted] reflects that IRVING JONES* was here as State Chairman or Co-Chairman from the State of Oregon.

D. INDICATIONS OF SUCCESS OF INFILTRATION

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[redacted] the Assembly was carefully controlled and credentials of those in attendance were checked upon registering. [redacted] noted no unusual activity on the part of any participating delegates and noted nothing of a Communist Party nature during the Assembly.

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(U) [redacted] had seen no evidence of Communist infiltration, and believed this due to the fact that the NAACP had screened all of the Communists out.

(U) [redacted] had noted no Communist influence at the Assembly.

(U) [redacted] the careful manner in which most organizations issued credentials to delegates, as well as the keynote address by ROY WILKINS warning against CP attempts to influence the Conference, precluded any marked degree of CP control of the Assembly.

"The Worker*," issue of March 11, 1956, page 5, in an article entitled, "Army of Freedom Marchers Invade Capital, 2000 Demand Federal Civil Rights Laws," states as follows regarding ROY WILKINS' position of adhering to the eight point legislative program: "With discipline, if not enthusiasm, the lobbying teams repeated their 1952 performance and brought back reports that were informative and sometimes amusing but hardly comforting to the embattled Southern Negroes who were victims of illegal acts under existing laws." It was stated that in answer to a demand for delegations to the Attorney General WILKINS answered that the Conference was limited to legislative lobbying.

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A. ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born:

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Civil Rights Congress:

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Communist Party:

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"Daily Worker":

The "Daily Worker" is the East Coast Communist daily publication, and "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, Page 1, in an article entitled, "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee" reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize the public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

Writing in "Political Affairs" issue of August, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, referred to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today." Concerning "Political Affairs," FLYNN

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testifying in the case, "U. S. vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

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The James Jackson Defense Committee:

This committee, according to "The Worker," for April 3, 1955, occupies the address of 1660 Fulton Street, New York, which is the same address as the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership.

Jefferson School of Social Science:

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Ku Klux Klan:

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Louisville Case:

The Louisville Case refers to the seven Louisville, Kentucky, citizens indicted during October and November, 1954, under the Kentucky state sedition statutes. Among these were CARL and ANN BRADEN and LOUIS LUBKA.

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National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership:

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In a printed leaflet furnished by Professor FRANK M. SNOWDEN, Howard University, Washington, D. C., in October, 1952, the NCDNL stated that its aims included pressing for amnesty for HENRY WINSTON and associates, stopping prosecution for political teachings and advocacy under the Smith Act; repealing other "repressive" legislative acts, especially the severe restrictions of immigration from the West Indies in McCarran-Walter Act, the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act, and the "Thought Control" and "Concentration Camp" McCarran Act.

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"The Worker" issue of April 3, 1955, reflects that the NCDNL continues in existence and is located at 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The National Guardian:

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Guardian as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management, and content.

Progressive Party:

The National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs" issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the Communist Party helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

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"However, the mistake our party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the Progressive Party and the Communist Party and other progressive forces must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

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MARVIN CAPLAN:

The Times Dispatch, the Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper issue of June 28, 1948, identified CAPLAN as Vice Chairman of the PP of Virginia.

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EUGENE DENNIS:

EUGENE DENNIS was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, who was convicted under the Smith Act.

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JAMES EDWARD JACKSON:

According to the National Guardian issue of April 2, 1956, JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, Jr., was a CP leader whose position in the CP had been that of Chairman of the Southern Regional Committee and a member of its national committee who is currently awaiting trial under the Smith Act in New York City.

JACKSON was indicted in the Southern District of New York by a grand jury on June 20, 1951, charged with

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violation of the Smith Act, and a warrant was issued that same day. JACKSON surrendered to the U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York on December 2, 1955, and was subsequently released on bond.

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HAMPTON T. MEDFORD:

The Washington edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, a newspaper, issue of December 27, 1952, reflects that Bishop H. T. MEDFORD, AME Zion, was one of a group of Negro churchmen who saw President-elect EISENHOWER and presented an eight-point program for race relations.

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ANTHONY J. MORTON:

WARREN LAWRENCE FORTSON, self-admitted CP member 1949 to 1955, and [redacted] on April 18, 1955, testified in the U. S. District Court, Denver, Colorado, that MORTON attended a two-day CP state committee meeting at Denver, Colorado, in July, 1951, at which time he was introduced as a veteran member of the CP from national headquarters in New York City, and that he was in Colorado to put new lifeblood into the Civil Rights Congress.

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On April 20, 1955, FORTSON identified MORTON as having been present at a CP state committee meeting at Aurora, Colorado, in March, 1952.

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(u) **DOXEY WILKERSON:**

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WILKERSON testifying as a defense witness in the Smith Act trials in New Haven, Connecticut, on March 7, 1956, testified that he was a current CP member in good standing, and the Director of Faculty and Curriculum of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

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HENRY WINSTON:

"The Worker" issue of March 11, 1956, reflected that WINSTON, a Communist leader, Organizational Secretary of the CP, who was convicted under the Smith Act, surrendered to authorities in New York on March 5, 1956.

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LEROY ~~H.~~ WOOD, aka ROY WOOD:

WOOD is the former secretary for the CPDC who was convicted under the Smith Act in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1952.

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It is noted that the Afro American issue of 3/6/56 listed 24 names as the delegates from D. C., but as these are merely the listing of names with no means of identification, no information appearing in WFO files could be identified with these names, and, therefore, a reporting of this delegation is not being made.

The following Special Agents, who will be referred to by last name only, observed activities of subjects as follows:

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at the Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/4/56 - [redacted]

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[redacted] at Willard Hotel - [redacted]

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[redacted] Exit Charles Hotel 3/3/56 - [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Re-enter Charles Hotel 3-3-56 - [redacted] and [redacted]

Re-exit Charles Hotel 3/3/56 - [redacted]

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In lobby of Willard 3/3/56 - [redacted]

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Observed eating on the evening of 3/3/56 -

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Exit Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

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At the Inter-Departmental Auditorium balcony on 3/4/56 - [redacted]

At the Willard afternoon of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

[redacted] - enter Charles Hotel 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Exit Charles Hotel 3/3/56 [redacted]

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At the Charles evening of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At the Willard evening of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At the Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/6/56 - [redacted]

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Re-enter Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

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Near the Willard on 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Eating on 3/3/56 [redacted]

Observed prior to meeting at Metropolitan Baptist Church [redacted]

Observed arriving Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Observed departing Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Observed at Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Observed eating on 3/4/56 with [redacted] - Enter Charles 3/3/56 -

Exit Charles 3/3/56 [redacted]

Re-enter Charles, [redacted]

Re-exit Charles - [redacted]

Observed eating 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Arriving Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 - [redacted]

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In balcony of Inter-Departmental Auditorium - [redacted]

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Left Charles Hotel 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At the Willard afternoon of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

Conversing with [redacted] - [redacted]

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At the Inter-Departmental Auditorium for the meeting 3/4/56 - [redacted]

At the Charles noon of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

The Willard afternoon of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/6/56 - [redacted]

[redacted] - Entered Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Exit Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Eating on the evening of 3/3/56 - [redacted]

At Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 [redacted]

Eating on 3/4/56 - [redacted]

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Sat in balcony of Inter-Departmental Auditorium - [redacted]

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At Charles noon of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

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At the Charles early evening of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/6/56 - [redacted]

[redacted] Entered Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Exit Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Eating on 3/3/56 - [redacted]

At Metropolitan Baptist Church - 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Activities after Inter-Departmental Auditorium meeting 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Left Charles 3/5/56 - [redacted] - Entered Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Exit Charles 3/3/56 - [redacted]

Eating on 3/3/56 - [redacted]

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Entered Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Left Metropolitan Baptist Church 3/4/56 - [redacted] [redacted]

Observed eating 3/4/56 - [redacted] [redacted]

At Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/4/56 - [redacted] [redacted]

At Willard 3/4/56 - [redacted]

At Charles noon of 3/5/56 - [redacted] [redacted]

At Willard afternoon of 3/5/56 - [redacted] [redacted]

At Charles early evening of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At Willard evening of 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At Medford's on 3/5/56 - [redacted]

At Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/6/56 - [redacted] [redacted].

[redacted] - Eating on 3/4/56 - [redacted] [redacted].

Arrive Inter-Departmental auditorium 3/4/56 - [redacted]

Leave Inter-Departmental Auditorium 3/4/56 - [redacted]

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Organizations and publications mentioned in this report are characterized as follows: U

American Labor Party (ALP)

[redacted] that (~~C~~U) b2 b7D from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. [redacted] b2 b7D The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State. U

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Baltimore Urban League

The Baltimroe Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League, which was established in 1924 "to improve the conditions under which Negro citizens of Baltimore work." (Baltimore Sun Newspaper, February 12, 1950) U

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties (CCPCL)

[redacted] advised that the CCPCL was organized by officers of the CP in Colorado during September, 1954, for the purpose of raising funds for the defense of ARTHUR BARY, ANNA BARY, HAROLD ZEPELIN, LEWIS MARTIN JACKSON, PATRICIA JULIA BLAU, JOSEPH W. SCHERRER, ANN MAIA SCHERRER, all of whom were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Denver, Colorado, on August 9, 1954, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. All of the foregoing-named persons were found guilty by a jury in United States District Court, Denver, May 25, 1955, and sentenced by United States District Judge, JEAN S. BREITENSTEIN, on June 23, 1955. U

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Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA)

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

Communist Political Association (CPA)

The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

"Daily Worker"

Daily East Coast Communist publication. U

"The Worker"

Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist publication. U

Independent Socialist League (ISL)

The ISL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

Labor Youth League (LYL) u

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

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"Political Affairs"

Is the official monthly theoretical organ of the CP, USA, according to the testimony of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee, CP, USA, on October 20, 1952, in connection with the trial of the United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL. u

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA)

The Directory of National and International Labor Unions in the United States, 1955; United States Department of Labor, Bulletin Number 1185 on pages 3 and 4 states that the UERMWA (UE) an independent

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Labor union was expelled on November 2, 1949, from the Congress of Industrial Organizations, (CIO), on charges of Communist domination.

Young Socialist League (YSL) U

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge" published as page 3 of "Labor Action" contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity convention occuring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York City, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL. U

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DETAILS: For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated. u

NATIONAL SECTION

Address

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the address for the NAACP continues to be 20 West 40th Street, New York City. u

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HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States versus KUZMA, ET AL (Conspiracy to Violate the Smith Act) which took place in the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, before Judge J. CULLEN GANEY. He testified that he was at that time a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. U

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National Convention NAACP

The NAACP magazine "The Crisis" issue of May, 1956, reflects that the 47th annual NAACP convention would be held in San Francisco, California, from June 26 to July 1, 1956, inclusive. The convention objectives enumerated in this issue were as follows: U

1. To block rising tide of injustice against Negroes in Mississippi and the South.

2. To counteract propaganda and activities of white citizens' groups opposing public school integration.

3. To procure the full use of the ballot as a weapon of freedom.

4. To IMPLEMENT the Supreme Court decision for public school integration.

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There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the CP,USA to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories. U

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division for the period of this report. U

At Mobile, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division for the period of this report. U

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ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported. U

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona. U

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No additional information has been reported which would indicate that attempts are being made by the CP to infiltrate any branches of the NAACP in Arkansas. U

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At San Diego, California

No information has been reported which would indicate that there is any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the San Diego Division. u

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BELLARMINO J. DURAN, in United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, on April 27, 1955, testified that he was a member of the CP during the latter part of 1948 until April 3, 1955, on behalf of the government. [redacted]

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EILEEN ANNA DURAN was a member of the CP, Denver, Colorado, from December, 1949 until April 3, 1955, on behalf of the government. [redacted]

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Election of ANTHONY J. MORTON as President of the Denver Branch NAACP, December 13, 1955, and His Expulsion March 30, 1956

WARREN LAWRENCE FORTSON, in United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, on April 14, 1955, testified that he was a member of the CP from the Fall of 1949 to April 14, 1955, on behalf of the government. [redacted] b7C

A. MORTON

FORTSON on April 18, 1955, testified that ANTHONY J. MORTON attended a two day CP State Committee meeting at Denver, Colorado, during July, 1951, at which time HAROLD ZEPELIN introduced MORTON as a veteran member of the CP from the National Headquarters in New York City; that he was in Colorado to put new life blood into the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), and that he was the Civil Rights Chairman for Denver. FORTSON on April 20, 1955, identified MORTON as having been present at a CP State Committee meeting held at Aurora, Colorado, during March, 1952. u

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HAROLD ZEPELIN on August 9, 1954, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Denver, Colorado, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. ZEPELIN was found guilty as charged by a jury in United States District Court, Denver, on May 25, 1955, and on June 23, 1955, was sentenced by United States District Judge JEAN J. BREITENSTEIN to three years and fined $2,000. (U)

The Kansas City "Call", Denver edition issue of December 23, 1955, contained an article "Rift in Local NAACP Branch; Election Will Be Contested." In part the article reads as follows: (U)

"There was a rift in the local branch NAACP last week during the annual election of officers. (U)

"As an outgrowth of the meeting, petitions have been filed with the New York Office alleging irregularities in the conduct of the election. (U)

"Unofficial sources claim that the core of the difficulty was 'Communist influence in the election' and 'eligibility of voters.' (U)

"Officers elected in the controversial meeting were: (U)

A. Morton, President;
A. S. Fisher, First Vice; NAACP
Mrs. Ola Thorton, Second Vice; NAACP
Mildred Stevenson, Secretary; NAACP
Assistant Secretary Mary Mc Guire;
Oliver Diggs, Treasurer. NAACP

"Attorney Irving Andrews, A.S. Fisher, who declined, and A. Morton, were nominated as Presidents. Morton won the election 18 to 10." (U)

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[redacted] advised that ANTHONY J. MORTON was expelled from the NAACP at a meeting held on the evening of March 20, 1956. Informant stated that IRVING P. ANDREWS ATTY

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Attorney, who had belonged to the NAACP, read charges charging that MORTON was or had been recently a member of the CP of Colorado. Informant said that ANDREWS had obtained this information from the transcript of the recent Smith Act trials in Denver. (U)

The informant stated that FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, Secretary-counsel of the NAACP from San Francisco, California, was present at the meeting and that he expelled MORTON from the NAACP. (U)

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CHARLES RUTHFIELD MITCHELL - ~~CP member~~
Source: "Daily Worker",
On June 26, 1950

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At Baltimore, Maryland

Communist Party (CP) Activities Involving NAACP in Delaware

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

No additional information has been received to reflect any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia. u

FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No additional information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida.

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GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration into the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division. u

At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Georgia. u

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Information has been previously reported that the NAACP is non-existent in the territory of Hawaii. u

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts of the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Idaho. u

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At Springfield, Illinois

No information has been received indicating any infiltrations of the NAACP in the Springfield Communist Division.

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At Indianapolis, Indiana

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IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No additional information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the State of Iowa.

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas.

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KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No additional information has been received reflecting Communist infiltration or control of the NAACP in the State of Kentucky. U

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At New Orleans, Louisiana

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MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine. U

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi.

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At Memphis, Tennessee

No additional information has been reported that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division. U

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

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MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported. U

NEBRASKA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration or domination of any of the branches of the NAACP located in Nebraska. U

NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in Nevada.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire. U

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An article appearing in the August 23, 1948, edition of the "Daily Worker" entitled "As We See It" described EDWARD HARDY as follows: U

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EDWARD HARDY is a 24 year old seaman from Houston, Texas. Houston is ~~his home~~ town. He is a Communist, having joined the Party while aboard ship ~~during 1945~~. U

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Ithaca Branch

The March 1, 1956, edition of the Cornell "Daily Sun," college newspaper, noted that the Ithaca Chapter of the NAACP had recently elected JANE GOLIN as president of the Ithaca Branch. U(X)(U)

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NAACP CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY CP

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THE NAACP CLUB, ROCHESTER CP

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new officers and members of the Executive Committee for the New York Branch NAACP for the year 1956 as follows: b2 b7D

RUSSELL P. CRAWFORD, President
WILLIAM J. LAKE, Vice President
ALONCITA J. FLOOD, Treasurer
HORTENSE BOWERY, Secretary
EDITH SERITZ, Assistant Secretary

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Through a suitable pretext telephone call made on January 6, 1956, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to an executive of the NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York City, the following information was obtained: (U)

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The NLCCR is comprised of about 50 National Civic Organizations which form a loose federation. According to the source, the member organizations are of national scope and the NLCCR was referred to as "ad hoc" organization, which meets only for a particular purpose. U

According to the source, the NLCCR is not part of the NAACP and the connection between the two organizations is that the NAACP is one of the national groups which comprises the NLCCR. In addition, ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary, NAACP is the chairman of the NLCCR. The NLCCR maintains no staff or officers of its own, but is permitted to use facilities of the NAACP and work out of the NAACP office at 20 West 40th Street, New York City. U

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The only active body of the NLCCR is the Executive Committee, which only meets when necessary. The source, regarding current activities, advised that the NLCCR is contemplating a civil rights mobilization in Washington, D. C., for March, 1956, however, the exact date was unknown. U

During a suitable pretext telphone call made on January 9, 1956, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to an executive of the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (NLCCR), 20 West 40th Street, New City, the following information was received: U

According to the source, the NLCCR was organized as a result of a Washington mobilization in 1949. The mobilization was regarded as highly successful and resulted in about 50 civic organizations, including churches and unions to join together under the name of National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The purpose of the organization, according to the source, is to further civil rights on a federal or national scale by influencing national conventions of the national political parties and other national groups. The source stated that the NLCCR is a non-partisan organization. An executive committee of the NLCCR, which is comprised of representatives from about 20 of the member organizations meets on a regular basis. U

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Dr. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, Jr., is Former Southern Regional Director and Alternate Member of the National

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Committee, CP, USA, who was indicted on June 20, 1951, by the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. JACKSON voluntarily surrenderd December 2, 1955 and is presently being tried for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in the Southern District of New York.

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NORTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in North Dakota. U

OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No information has been received indicating any CP influence or infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Cincinnati Division.

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Youngstown Chapter, NAACP

An article in the "Youngstown Vindicator," a leading daily newspaper in Youngstown, Ohio, for December 15, 1955, carried an article stating that NATHANIEL LEE had been re-elected as President of the Youngstown Chapter at the annual meeting. U

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OKLAHOMA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oklahoma has been received. U

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No additional information has been reported to indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in the Pittsburgh Division. (U)

RHODE ISLAND

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received to indicate

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any Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Rhode Island. U

SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated the NAACP in South Carolina. U

SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in South Dakota. U

TENNESSEE

At Memphis, Tennessee

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominates the NAACP Branches located in the Memphis Division. U

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At El Paso, Texas

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominates the NAACP branches in the El Paso Division.

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At San Antonio, Texas

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominates the NAACP Branches in the San Antonio Division.

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UTAH

At Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Lake City Branch (U)

[redacted] of the Salt Lake City Branch NAACP, which contains [redacted] members. (U) b2 b7D

It was noted that among those listed as members were the following individuals: (U)

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Informant advised that none of the above people whose names are listed take an active part in the affairs of the Salt Lake City Chapter or have any controlling influence over its officers. u

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VERMONT

At Albany, New York

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Vermont.

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Member NAACP

WASHINGTON

At Seattle, Washington

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No additional information has been received which would indicate that the NAACP in West Virginia has been infiltrated or is dominated by the CP.

WISCONSIN

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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MICHAEL JOHN ONDREJKA, self-admitted member of the CP of Wisconsin from October, 1949, to 1953, at public hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUCA) held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 28, 29 and 30, 1955, identified MORTIMER ALTMAN as a member of the CP. U

MARY LEIGH PHILLIPS was identified as a member of the CP of Wisconsin by MICHAEL JOHN ONDREJKA at public hearings of the HUCA held in Milwaukee on March 28, 29 and 30, 1955. U

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WYOMING

At Denver, Colorado

No information has been received to indicate that the NAACP in Wyoming has been infiltrated by the CP.

DISTRICTS OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP Branch in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The suitable pretext call made to an executive of the NAACP was made on 1/6/56 by SA [redacted] [redacted] to Mr. HENRY LEE MOON, Director, Public Relations, NAACP, 20 W. 40th Street. [redacted] [redacted] NY NY

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The suitable pretext call made to an executive of the NLCCR was made on 1/9/56 by SA [redacted] to Mr. ARNOLD ARONSON, Secretary of the NLCCR. [redacted] [redacted]

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It is to be noted that info concerning NAACP activities in the Richmond, Va. area has not yet been received by the NYO. Pertinent info from Richmond will be included in a subsequent report.

LEADS (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Albany, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Newark and New Haven Offices in view of the indicated activity on the part of the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP within these respective territories.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results as of April 15 and October 15, of each calendar year.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 2/10/54.
Report of SA [redacted] 1/17/56, NY.
NY letter to Director, 5/16/56.

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National Headquarters for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (U) (NAACP) continues to be located at 20 W. 40th Street, NYC. "NY Times" article of 1/8/57, states NAACP income for 1956 exceeded one million dollars and membership surpassed 350,000 members, both figures are records. Total of 40,000 new members were enrolled in 1956. Strong points of NAACP membership are Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Baltimore, New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago. The article reflects that the officers and directors of the NAACP were re-elected. NAACP 47th Annual Convention held June 26 to July 1, 1956, in San Francisco, California. Convention reaffirmed and extended 1950 resolution against Communism. Resoltion bars NAACP membership to individuals with Communist affiliations [redacted]

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The CP, USA continues to consider NAACP as main Negro mass organization and desires program to win leadership among Negro organizations. September, 1956 issue of "Political Affairs" carried an article entitled "The NAACP Convention." Various attempts have been made by the CP to infiltrate and dominate certain NAACP branches throughout the

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

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The following organizations utilized in this report have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

CP
Communist Political Association (CPA)
Civil Rights Congress (CRC)
Independent Socialist League (ISL)
Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)
Labor Youth League (LYL)
Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The following organizations and/or publications which are utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the attached Appendix section:

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Women's Clubs

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National Lawyers Guild (NLG)
"Political Affairs"
Teachers Union of New York City
Westchester Citizens for Justice (WCJ)
Young Socialist League (YSL)

NATIONAL SECTION

Address

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the address for the NAACP continues to be 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

Growth and Membership

"The New York Times," issue of January 8, 1957, page 19, columns 3, 4 and 5, carried an article entitled "N.A.A.C.P. Income Rises to Million." This article reflects that the NAACP reported at its annual meeting on January 7, 1957, that its income in the year 1956 was more than one million dollars and that the membership surpassed 350,000, both of these are records.

ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary, NAACP stated that it could not be determined whether increased financial support had come about despite bitter opposition to the Association or because of it. Last year, for the first time the Association was attacked directly as an organized body in state legal and legislative actions. Thus it was crippled or made inoperative in Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Georgia and Virginia.

The article continues that nevertheless, the NAACP had received at its headquarters the sum of $682,906 from all sources in the year 1956. This sum was the highest total in the history of the NAACP and was

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$48,000 larger than the figure in 1955. Of the total, $364,000 was income from membership fees from branches, an increase of $57,000, The branches themselves kept a total of $250,000.

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In addition, the article reflects other fiscal items, such as life membership payments, brought in $98,636, which was $14,000 more than the year 1955. The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which is incorporated separately, received $300,000.

A total of 40,000 new members were enrolled by the Association in the year 1956. The strong points of membership for the NAACP were in Detroit (18,204), Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York (11,871) and Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago.

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THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel, announced that in 1957 efforts would be directed toward integration in the Southern states. In the South, he explained, the process would be one of steady progress.

The article also contains the following statement:

> "Prejudiced state officials are requiring us to establish precedents in the federal courts which will affirmatively block them from continuing to use so-called legal means in an effort to accomplish unlawful purposes. Before long we will have precedents enough to protect ourselves against all such methods. We will then be free to operate with the full benefit of the law of the land. We will not be prodded to move more rapidly than wisdom requires us to do."

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Officers and Directors

The above article also contains information that the officers and directors of the NAACP were re-elected. J.WESLEY DOBBS of Atlanta was elected a vice president and ROBERT L. CARTER was named general counsel to assist Mr. MARSHALL. U

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[redacted] that there was no activity at the convention which could be termed Communist activity or Communist inspired. The informant stated that the keynote address of THURGOOD MARSHALL, which included statements to the effect that there was no place in the NAACP for CP members or sympathizers, set an anti-Communist theme for the entire convention. u

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[redacted] that the reaffirmation of the 1950 resolution was meant to impress upon the people that the NAACP-sponsored legislation and activity is not Communist inspired. u

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[redacted] that he had heard rumors that there were Communists at the convention, but had heard no specifics in this regard. The informant stated that resolutions favoring the Communist cause were voted down before they reached the convention floor. u

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The "Political Affairs" issue of September, 1956, carries an article entitled "The NAACP Convention." The article points out that the NAACP is the most vital and authoritative center of Negro militant protest, organized mass struggle, and democratic unity of Negro and white Americans in the struggle for equal constitutional rights.

Board Chairman CHANNING T. TOBIAS, in his greetings to the convention, noted that the membership had increased as well as the income to the organization. Most significant was 480 of the Association's branches and more than fifty per cent of its membership remain on the front line of battle in the South.

Under a subtitle of "Increased Militancy," the article states that the convention adopted what appears to be a more militant posture in the fight for Negro rights than at any time in the recent past.

The convention speeches were echoed in the first substantive resolution of the convention, the preamble of which equated the popular concept of moderation with stagnation and declared:

> "Action is what we seek.....action to demolish the whole jim crow structure. Action to assure forever the equality of rights and human dignity proclaimed in all the great ethical political documents of humanity. Action to end forever inequality of rights among mankind of whatever race, of whatever faith."

According to the article, this was a prime evidence of the militant character of the NAACP convention which was unanimous and resounding in its rejection of the doctrines of gradualism and moderation.

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At the convention, the Montgomery boycott issue became a prime factor. The question confronting the convention was not what attitude to take toward the Montgomery or the Tallahassee bus boycotts. These were already in being, largely successful, and enjoying wide public support. The question, as placed in the keynote speech of THURGOOD MARSHALL, was to make the most careful evaluation of this technique (non-violent resistance to segregation) to determine to what extent it can be used in addition to other means of protest.

The article states that the reasons why such a "careful examination" is required were as follows:

1. The boycott, a practically unanimous movement, provided a graphic demonstration of the all-class, all-denominational, all-party unity of the Negro people in action.
2. The unity had effectively undermined the contention of the White Citizens Council forces that the demand for intergration was fostered among Southern Negroes by "outside agitators" bent on destroying the "peaceful relations between the races" in the interest of some alleged sinister "Communistic" objectives.
3. The movement had attracted to itself the enthusiastic morale and material support of the entire Negro people.
4. The insistence on non-violence and the phenomenal discipline of the boycotters had disarmed the minority of active white supremacists who could not succeed in

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manufacturing the provocation with which to arouse masses of whites and to blackmail the municipal, county and state police forces to drown the movement in the Negro protestants.

5. The mass action of the Negroes had won the active support of a small minority of white people and had served to neutralize or stimulate the grudging and passive sympathy of a probable majority, despite deep-rooted prejudices.

'All these factors seemed to provide an important part, though not all, of the answer to the prime question facing the Negro freedom movement.

The article, under the title "The Ideas of Dr. King," states that this problem received a remarkable contribution from Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of the Montgomery Improvement Association. Dr. KING visited the convention for the purpose of telling the Montgomery story and in so doing he gave voice to the philosophy of struggle which had been taking shape among the leadership of the Montgomery Improvement Association in the course of the boycott. Some of the main elements are as follows:

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1. It places major emphasis on the "new Negro." One can never understand the bus protest without understanding that there is a new Negro in the South who has a new sense of dignity and destiny.

2. Its a philosophy of active mass struggle.

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3. It envisions and calls for a movement of all classes in Negro life sharing equally the burdens, tasks and rewards of the struggle for freedom. It urges the muting of internal class antagonisms and struggles among the oppressed Negro people.

4. It recognizes the need for white allies in a general sense, but does not emphasize the need for forging a special alliance between the Negro people and the white workers in order to achieve the particular as well as the common aims of both in a joint struggle against an identical foe, monopolized big business and the plantation oligarchs.

5. It places prime reliance on the Negro people themselves in the battle for equality.

6. It places the American Negro liberation movement within the framework of contemporary colonial revolutionary upsurge and draws inspiration and precept from the example of India and GANDHI.

7. It draws heavily upon the bourgeois-pacifist interpretation of the redemptive power of idealistic "love as the regulating ideal."

Under the title, "On Non-Violent Resistance," the article states that it was against the background of this philosophy, then, that Reverend KING placed before the NAACP convention the challenge of adopting the method of non-violent resistance as a mass technique in the struggle for Negro rights. The question of what action should be taken was put in a resolution which indicated that even though the NAACP has examined to some extent the effectiveness of the passive non-violent resistance on a local level, the NAACP is not ready to take a position on this as a national project.

The convention action in postponing decision on non-violent passive resistance registered the fact that, on this issue, the groupings which make up the more resistant and politically conservative trend, had the upper hand in the convention. It is unlikely, however, according to the article, that the Association will be able to maintain this posture of indecision for very long. The prospects of affirmative action on the resolution will depend, among other factors, on the steady increase in the Association of the influence of the more militant forces merging in the Southern struggle and of the trade-union spokesmen of the working class.

The article also treats "Labor and the NAACP" as a title and the viewpoint of labor was most strikingly presented at the convention in an address by A.PHILIP RANDOLPH, Vice President of AFL-CIO and President of the Sleeping Car Porters. In the following terms, he pointed to the most urgent unfinished business on labor's agenda:

Philip Randolph

> "Obviously, the development of a strong and aggressive movement in the South, embracing black and white workers, is the key to the transition of control of Southern economy, state and local politics and governments from the weak and palsied hands of a rural, semi-feudalistic sharecropper and tenant farming economy, the breeding ground of Ku Kluxism, White Citizens Councils, racism, lynch-law

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> "and illiterate emotional white masses to an urban industrialism and labor unionism where the paramount social struggle will shift from racialism to economic, social and political reformism in the interests of higher wages and improved living standards and better government for all citizens, black and white."

According to the article, RANDOLPH's speech was well received by the delegates of the convention and it states:

> "It must remain a concern of the Left and Party forces in the labor movement that we tend to 'lag behind' the possibilities in the fight for Negro rights in the recent AFL-CIO merger. The fact is that in many areas our forces did not see the realistic opportunity and did not press for the election of one Negro to an AFL-CIO presidency, not to speak of two. There was a tendency to underestimate the readiness of the white membership of local unions to struggle for Negro rights and therefore to see the placing of the demands of the Negro people in connection with the merger as a divisive rather than a uniting factor. This represented a Right opportunist weakness which persists in our Negro work and must be eleminated at the same time that we continue and intensify the struggle against the major 'left' sectarian errors which have characterized Party practice generally in the past several years."

It is noted that here the article refers to the Negro vice presidents of the AFL-CIO, RANDOLPH and WILLARD TOWNSEND, President of the United Transport Service Employees, who are also vice presidents of the NAACP.

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The article, under the caption "Labor and Industry Committees," states that the participation of these trade unionists in the convention underscores the growing importance of the labor and industry committees of the local branches of the NAACP. These committees provided the most direct liaison between the community branches and the labor movement. In a number of areas, they have spearheaded important membership growth of the branches and strengthened the militant, mass character of their activities. U

In some instances, leaders of the labor-industry committees, by their good work in building the Association and winning for it the active support of the trade unions, have been entrusted with decisive positions of leadership in the NAACP branches as a whole. By building these committees is the practical way of carrying into life the leading role and special initiative of the Negro workers in the Negro liberation movement. U

Under "Civil Liberties," the article treats the anti-Communist resolution passed at the convention as the strongest adopted since the original one was introduced at the 1950 Boston convention. U

> "Undoubtedly, in the view of the top national leadership of the Association, the resolution was also seen as a means of 'clearing their skirts' of NAACP in face of the mud-slinging campaign of the white citizens councils...... U
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> "We contend that the hard blows of experience will eventually convince the NAACP that such measures are futile, that civil liberties are indivisible, that their own attack upon the Communists weakens rather than strengthens the NAACP in its battle with the Dixiecrats." U

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The article concludes by stating that the 47th Annual Convention of the NAACP represented an important landmark in the historic struggles of the Negro people for freedom. Its deliberations and resolutions provide the basis for furthering the militant unity of the Negro people, their alliance with the working class and the speedy end of the hated Jim Crow system. u

STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the CP, USA, to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories. u

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division. There are no known Communists in the Birmingham area who are members of the NAACP. u ok

At Mobile, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division. u

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported. u

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ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona. ok u

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No additional information has been reported which would indicate that CP members have infiltrated any branches of the NAACP in Arkansas. ok u

CALIFORNIA

At Los Angeles, California

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Mr. / JACOB GOLDRING is publicly known as one of the CP leaders in Connecticut who was convicted of violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in United States District Court, New Haven, Connecticut, on March 29, 1956. (U)

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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No additional information has been received to reflect any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia.

FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

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No additional information has been received to reflect any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Florida.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

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No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

At Savannah, Georgia

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No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Georgia.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

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Information has been reported that the NAACP is non-existent in the Territory of Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

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No information has been reported indicating any attempts of the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

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At Springfield, Illinois

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Springfield Division. U

INDIANA

At Indianapolis, Indiana

No additional information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Indiana. U

IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

No additional information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP Branches in the State of Iowa. U

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas. U

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KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No additional information has been received of any Communist infiltration or control in the NAACP in the State of Kentucky. U

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MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

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MASSACHUSETTS

At Boston, Massachusetts (7)

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MINNESOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota ⑩

No further information has been received which indicates any CP infiltration or control of the NAACP in Minnesota. U

MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana d

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP, Southern District of Mississippi. U

At Memphis, Tennessee d ②

No information has been reported that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division. U

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri d

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP Branches in the Kansas City Division. U

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MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of any attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported. U

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At Salt Lake City, Utah

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire.

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Yonkers, New York, NAACP Branch

The Yonkers, New York, "Herald Statesmen" issue of December 18, 1956, page 14 contained an article entitled "NAACP Here Re-elects E. O. AUSTIN." The article states that EDMUND O. AUSTIN, JR. was re-elected president of the Yonkers Branch, NAACP. Other officers elected were as follows:

Mrs. MAY ROBINSON, First Vice President.
CURTIS GIDDINGS, Second Vice President.
Mrs. JUANITA DAVIS, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. MABEL CRIER, Treasurer.
Mrs. BEA SEITZMAN, Financial Secretary.

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OKLAHOMA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oklahoma has been received.

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RHODE ISLAND

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration or domination of the NACCP in Rhode Island. u

SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated the NAACP in South Carolina. u

SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in South Dakota. u

TENNESSEE

At Memphis, Tennessee

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominated the NAACP branches located in the Memphis Division. u

At Knoxville, Tennessee

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At Dallas, Texas

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At El Paso, Texas

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominated any of the NAACP branches in the El Paso Division.

At Houston, Texas

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominated any of the NAACP branches in the Houston Division.

At San Antonio, Texas

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP either has infiltrated or dominates the NAACP branches in the San Antonio Division.

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VERMONT

At Albany, New York

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration on domination of the NAACP in Vermont.

VIRGINIA

At Norfolk, Virginia

No additional information of a specific nature has been received that would indicate the CP has either infiltrated or dominated chapters of the NAACP in the Norfolk Divisiin.

At Richmond, Virginia

No additional information has been received which would indicate that the CP has infiltrated chapters of the NAACP in the Richmond Division.

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At Seattle, Washington

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Spokane Chapter

The "Spokane Chronical", Spokane Washington, issue of March 28, 1956, reflected that the president of the Spokane Chapter was JAMES E. CHASE and the Legal Counsel of the branch was CARL MAXEY. Wash. N.A.A.C.P. member

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WYOMING

At Denver, Colorado

No information has been received to indicate that the NAACP in Wyoming has been infiltrated by the CP.

DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP branch in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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APPENDIX

EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of December 9, 1946, page 7, column 1, in an editorial, ~~referred~~ to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language Communist paper.

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Is the official monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party, United States of America, according to the testimony of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America, on October 20, 1952, in connection with the trial of the United States vs ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL.

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TEACHERS UNION OF NEW YORK CITY

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The 1942 report of the Sub-committee Relative to the Public Education System of the City of New York, New York, New York States Legislature, (Rapp-Coudert Committee) page 178, states as follows concerning the TU:

"The history of the Communist movement in the New York City school system is primarily the history of the so-called Teachers Union of the City of New York, formerly Local 5 of the American Federation of Teachers, a national trade union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and of its subsidiary, the College Teachers Union, formerly Local 537 of the American Federation of Teachers, which was founded by Local 5 in 1938. In the following pages we trace machinations of the Communists in Locals 5 and 537, showing how they began in Local 5 in a small way in the 1920's, grew, precipitated internal strife within the organization and finally brought affairs to such a pass that the founders and leaders of the union could tolerate the situation no longer and withdrew in 1935, leaving the Communists in complete control.

"Thereafter, the union was used solely as a vehicle for Party line propaganda, and revolutionary agitation, until, as a result of the labors of

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"persons in the teaching profession following the revelation of this Committee, the members of the AFT revoked the charters of Local 5 and 537 in 1941 by referendum, on the ground that these locals were under the control of the Communist Party and had consistently engaged in practices inimical to democracy."

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The "Daily Worker" issue of February 16, 1953, page 2, column 5, noted that the New York TU "acting in accordance with a joint membership and special delegates meeting of February 8 (1953)" had announced it would henceforth be an independent organization of teachers and had ended its affiliation with the United Public Workers.

The "Directory of National and International Labor Unions in the United States, 1955" pages 3 and 4, reflects that the United Public Workers of America was one of 11 unions expelled from the CIO on charges of Communist domination. According to this pamphlet, the United Public Workers of America was expelled on March 1, 1950, and disbanded in February, 1953.

BELLA V. DODD, former Legislative Director of the TU from 1936 to 1944, and who left this position to become Legislative Director of the New York State Communist Party, makes the following characterization of the TU in her book "School of Darkness," page 160:

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"...this union, now a sturdy arm of the Communist Party,..."

BELLA DODD, in her book on page 161, also noted that following her leaving the TU she retained her membership as an honorary member of the TU, and at the direction of the Communist Party she remained on the top Communist Committee of the TU. Miss DODD was expelled from the Communist Party in June, 1949.

BELLA DODD, in her book "School of Darkness" also noted that the TU has been known as Local 5 (American Federation of Teachers) of the American Federation of Labor and Local 555 (State, County, and Municipal Workers of America)(United Public Workers of America) of the CIO.

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The "New York Teacher News," official newspaper of the TU, issue of May 5, 1956, reflects that ABRAHAM LEDERMAN and ROSE V. RUSSELL continue to be officials of the TU.

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WESTCHESTER CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE (WCJ)

[redacted] furnished an undated letter captioned, "Westchester Citizens for Justice," 278 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, New York. This letter reflected that the WCJ was established in an effort to rid Westchester County of discrimination and alleged police brutality toward Negroes. The letter listed BEATRICE MILWE, Mamaroneck, New York, as Executive Secretary of the group.

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The "Yonkers Herald Statesman" issue of October 25, 1952, contained an article stating that a delegation of 26 persons representing the WCJ filed in Governor DEWEY'S office yesterday a petition asking a special Grand Jury investigation of law enforcement agencies of Yonkers and Westchester County, and appointment of a qualified Negro to the Westchester District Attorney's Office.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The national headquarters of the YSL is located at 114 West 14th Street, New York City.

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page 3 of "Labor Action," contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity convention occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York City, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

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On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL towards similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis.

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In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL. The YSL and the ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City, and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in the ISL publication "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The ISL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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indicated activity on the part of the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP within these respective territories.

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow CP infiltration of the NAACP on a National scale and report results as of April 15 and October 15, of each calander year.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to NY, 2/10/54.

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Memphis, Tennessee	Memphis	4-12-57	4-8,9-57

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - MEMPHIS DIVISION	[redacted]	[redacted]
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Synopsis:

Memphis Branch NAACP has continued opposition to Communist efforts to infiltrate. [redacted] Information set out regarding several NAACP Branches in other parts of Miss. and Tenn., and no information is available indicating any pro-Communist influence.

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DETAILS: I. SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. MEMPHIS

The Tri-State Defender, a newspaper published in Memphis, Tennessee for the Negro people, contained in the issue of March 2, 1957 on Page 16, an item captioned "NAACP Locals Urged to Adopt One." This article reflects that GLOSTER B. CURRENT, NAACP Director of Branches, had urged branches outside of the South to adopt branches in one of the three southern states where the association has been banned. This was designed,

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according to the article, to offset a severe loss in membership and funds.

The March 2, 1957 issue of the Tri-State Defender contained a news article reflecting that JACKIE ROBINSON, former baseball star, was to speak in Memphis that evening on behalf of the NAACP annual membership drive.

The March 4, 1957 issue of the Press-Scimitar, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Memphis, reported on the above appearance of JACKIE ROBINSON at a Memphis NAACP meeting. The article reflected that there were 3000 people at the meeting at the Mason Temple in Memphis. The article indicated that Dr. J.E. WALKER, President of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis and Chairman of the Board of the Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, both allegedly owned and operated by Negroes, explained to those in attendance the lifetime NAACP memberships would cost $500. The article indicated that Dr. WALKER was one of four Memphis life members.

The article indicated that Lt. GEORGE W. LEE, "Republican Old Guard Leader" called on the Negroes of Memphis to use the ballot box to win their rights.

The article quoted JACKIE ROBINSON as urging the members to "do everything short of violence to obtain our rights as citizens." ROBINSON also noted there are 180,000 Negroes in Memphis and the goal of 5000 members in the NAACP was not very good.

After ROBINSON's speech, according to the above news article, Reverend ROY W. NORSWORTHY, Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Memphis, took over and organized a system whereby all filed past tables to contribute and that $4000 was raised.

The Memphis World, a semiweekly newspaper published in Memphis by and for the Negro people, in the March 6, 1957 issue, reported that in addition to the above, the following appeared on this program: Reverend HENRY C. BUNTON, Reverend S.A. OWEN, Bishop J. O. PATTERSON, and Attorney H.C. LOCKARD, Memphis NAACP President.

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The Memphis Commercial Appeal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Memphis, in the November 15, 1956 issue reported that Federal Judge WILLIAM E. MILLER had taken under advisement the Nashville School Board's proposal for gradual desegregation of city schools in Nashville. The article noted that the case was brought by the NAACP. The article reflected that Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY of Nashville is an attorney for the NAACP.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal in the December 23, 1956 issue reported that the Shelby County, Tennessee Delegation to the January 1957 State Legislature would propose legislation to require the NAACP to "bare its treasury sources and membership rolls in the state." The article indicated that the bill was expected to receive strong support throughout the state and would require the NAACP in order to do business in Tennessee to file a list of members, disclose sources of all revenue and appoint an agent for the service of process in each grand division of the state. The article indicated that although the proposed bill would be directed at the NAACP, that that organization would probably not be mentioned at the legislation.

The Commercial Appeal in the December 27, 1956 issue, in regard to the above matter, stated that Reverend J.F. GRIMMETT, President of the Tennessee Branch of the NAACP, "hoped enough good judgment and reason will prevail in the Legislature so that a fight won't be needed." The article stated that the NAACP, according to GRIMMETT, would meet in January to decide on a policy in this matter.

The January 23, 1957 issue of the Nashville Tennessean, a daily paper of general circulation published in Nashville, stated "the state president of NAACP termed grade-at-a-time desegregation 'procrastination' yesterday but said the organization has not decided if it will take further action in Nashville's school desegregation lawsuit." The article further stated that Reverend J.F.

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GRIMMETT, Baptist Pastor of 1306 10th Avenue,N, Nashville, denied saying that the above decision "may be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court." The article also quoted Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY as stating he did not know whether or not the decision would be appealed.

The Commercial Appeal in the February 14, 1957 issue indicated that the Tennessee Legislature in Nashville was preparing to take action on two segregation bills, one of which it stated was aimed at the NAACP and would outlaw barratry,which it defined as stirring up litigation. The article indicated that any corporation convicted of the offense of barratry would be subject to a $10,000 fine and lawyers so convicted could be disbarred. It indicated that the other "anti-NAACP bill" was the one designed to force the organization to disclose its members and sources of revenue.

The Nashville Banner in the March 12, 1957 issue reported that Governor FRANK CLEMENT had signed the above anti-NAACP Bill. T-NN

C. OTHER BRANCHES IN SMALL TOWNS

The Jackson, Tennessee Sun, in the issues of October 19 and October 21, 1956, reported on the 10th Annual State Conference of the NAACP which began in Jackson on October 19, 1956. The articles noted that Reverend U.Z. McKINNON is President of the NAACP Chapter in Jackson. The article stated that delegates were in attendance from Alcoa, Memphis, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, Murfreesboro, Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee. Rev. GRIMMETT, the State President, was quoted as urging the members to convince the pastors of their churches and then they could convince the members of the churches.

The Commercial Appeal in the October 20, 1956 issue,in discussing the above State Conference, reported that talks were made by JUANITA CUMMINGS, Reverend F.D. COLEMAN, J. S. MERRY, all of Jackson, Tennessee, and H.T. LOCKARD, Attorney and President of the Memphis Chapter. T-ND

The Memphis World, in the October 24, 1956 issue, quoted Reverend GRIMMETT at the above meeting as having stated it was the first conference to be held recently in West Tennessee, which he described as "the heart of prejudice, the most troubled area in the state."

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The Clarksdale, Mississippi Press Register, a daily paper published in Clarksdale, in the January 21, 1957 issue, reported on a meeting of the Coahoma County Branch of the NAACP held on January 20, 1957 at the Haven Methodist Church in Clarksdale. The article reported that the meeting was attended by about 275 people, and that seventy-four members paid dues for the coming year, and that an offering of $200 was made to the NAACP. It further reported that persons who feel economic pressure becaus of their membership could contribute financially without having their names placed on the Association's rolls. The article quote AARON HENRY, the re-elected President of the County Branch, as stating the NAACP was the only solvent organization which he knew of that wanted to go out of business, which it would do according to HENRY, "when the Negroes get their freedom."

II. OFFICERS

The Memphis World, in the December 1, 1956 issue, reported that the officers of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP were re-elected, they being as follows:

H. T. LOCKARD, Attorney, President; Reverend D. S. CUNNINGHAM, Vice President; Reverend ALEXANDER GLADNEY, Second Vice President; Miss ELSIE VAUGHN, Secretary; J. C. STAFFORD, Treasurer; and the Reverend F. T. STEWARD, Chaplain.

The article also indicated that EDGAR DAVIS, a member of the board, was present at the time of the election held at the Mt. Olive Cathedral in Memphis on Sunday, November 25, 1956.

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[redacted] HOSEA T. LOCKARD, President of the NAACP, and knew that LOCKARD was personally anti-Communist and would not condone any Communist activity in the affairs of that organization.

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C. OTHER BRANCHES

There is no information available to this office regarding any Communist activity or influence in the small rural branches of the NAACP at Jackson, Tennessee or Clarksdale, Mississipp

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THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the NAACP in this area.

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Report of SA [redacted], dated 10-12-56 at Memphis.

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald," a Washington daily newspaper issue of December 7, 1956, carried an article "Montgomery's Patience Praised by Boycott Chief". This article contains background information regarding Reverend KING. It reflects that he had arrived at Howard University for a one day participation in Religious Emphasis Week. He was reported to have stated; that it was a compliment to the "white community" that there has been practically no violence during the bus boycott; that the new Negro lacks the fear he once had; that "the tension in the South is the birth pains of a new social order" and is a necessary phase; that a new order of justice, freedom and first-class citizenship for the Negro is inevitable; that the

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"shock period" would be over in ten years and segregation would crumble fast and that a side effect is that "Negroes are killing and cutting fewer Negroes now."

This article reflected that this speech was sponsored by the District Branch of the NAACP.

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WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,
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The informants noted below, who have supplied information concerning the above organization, have all supplied reliable information in the past.

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Regarding the National Progressive Party, it is noted that the National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the

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wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "US vs Elizabeth Gurley Flynn et al.," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

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REPORTING OFFICE CLEVELAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CLEVELAND	DATE 4-30-57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/21,22; 4/2,5,9,11,12,15-20,22,23/57
TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (CLEVELAND AREA)		REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C	TYPED BY [redacted]
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SYNOPSIS:

The Cleveland Headquarters of captioned organization is located at 7811 Cedar Ave. [redacted] Attempts and results of CP to infiltrate set forth.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the captioned organization. All investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

For the purpose of brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be referred to as the NAACP.

Unless otherwise indicated, all informants referred to by T-symbols in this report are sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

It will be noted that the CP, the Labor Youth League (LYL) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

A. Address

The current Cleveland, Ohio, City Directory reflects that the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP is located at 7811 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland.

B. Principal Officers

Cleveland, Ohio, Chapter

Source: "Cleveland Plain Dealer" newspaper,
Final Edition, March 18, 1957.

The above publication, a local daily newspaper, carried an article captioned "Winner LEVY Hails Victory in NAACP." This article sets forth the results of a special election just concluded and listed the following as officers:

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President: Dr. JAMES E. LEVY
First Vice President: CROSBY C. RAMEY
Second Vice President: HARVEY NORTON
Third Vice President: JACK G. DAY
Secretary: Mrs. BETTE GALLAGHER
Treasurer: EDWARD JACKSON

OFFICERS - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

This same article listed the following individuals as persons who had been elected to the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE [illegible] COLORED PEOPLE

WILLIAM E. ALLEN
EVERETT BROWN NATHAN K. CHRISTOPHER
Dr. N. K. CHRISTOPHER mith
The Rev. JOSEPH C. COLES, Jr.
Mrs. RUSSELL H. DAVIS
Mrs. HARRY J. DWORKIN
HENRY W. GALBREATH
REY L. GILLESPIE
FRED GRAIR
RICHARD L. GUNN
Municipal Judge PERRY B. JACKSON
RUSSELL W. JELLIFFE
JOHN JURKANIN
CHARLES H. LOEB
Dr. JOSEPH P. MARTIN
WILLIAM T. MC KNIGHT
FRED S. MOORE
Mrs. ROBBIE PURDY
WILLIAM B. SAUNDERS
Mrs. DOVIE D. SWEET
Congressman CHARLES VANIK
WILLIAM O. WALKER
Common Pleas Judge CHARLES W. WHITE
EDWIN J. WILLIAMS
HARRY WISE

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Councilman CHARLES V. CARR
FREDERICK M. COLEMAN
The Rev. Mrs. DAVIS
ROBERT A. DECATUR
RALPH W. FINDLEY
CLAYBORNE GEORGE
Miss ETHELYN GORMAN
CHESTER J. GRAY
JOHN O. HOLLY
The Rev. A. HENSON JARMON
GEORGE V. JOHNSON
Councilman JOHN W. KELLOGG
CHARLES P. LUCAS
Dr. THEODORE O. MASON
Miss L. PEARL MITCHELL
LAWRENCE O. PAYNE
Mrs. ODESSA SALVANT
Dr. B. C. STYLES
ARTHUR L. TAYLOR
MAX H. VANN
The Rev. EUGENE W. WARD
ELMER WHITING
Councilman THEODORE M. WILLIAMS

This same article stated that Dr. KENNETH W. CLEMENT, a Cleveland surgeon in three hospitals, was the unsuccessful challenger for the position of president.

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It is noted that L. PEARL MITCHELL, referred to above as a member of the Executive Committee, was identified on an official letterhead of the NAACP on January 6, 1956, as one of twenty-three National Vice Presidents of the NAACP. On this same letterhead, Dr. NATHAN K. CHRISTOPHER was identified as one of the forty-eight members of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. This official letterhead of the NAACP was received by SA [redacted] b7C

Sources [redacted] that none of the above officers of the NAACP were known to them to be members of the CP or any CP front. b2 b7D

Canton, Ohio, Chapter

Source: "The Canton Repository" newspaper, issue of December 19, 1956.

The above publication, a local daily newspaper, carried an article captioned "Branch of NAACP Renames Leaders." This article stated that the following officers of the Canton Chapter of the NAACP were re-elected at a recently held special meeting of the organization's membership:

President: WILLIAM MAYO
Vice President: CHARLES MACK
Treasurer: RALPH FORD
Secretary: ELEANOR HOLT
Adviser to Youth Council: WILLIE LIGE
Member of Executive Board: CHESTER JACKSON

Youngstown, Ohio, Chapter

A pretext inquiry on April 22, 1957, revealed that NATHANIEL C. LEE was still serving as President of this Branch [redacted] b7C

C. Membership

Source: "Call and Post" newspaper, City Edition, October 21, 1956.

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An article in the above publication, a local Negro weekly newspaper, entitled "Prizes for Many as NAACP Makes Awards," indicated that the goals of 14,000 members and $43,000 would be "far exceeded" during the 1956 membership campaign of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP.

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Source: "Call and Post" newspaper, City Edition, March 23, 1957.

The above publication under caption "Special Balloting Changes Personnel" described the results of a "special election" just held by the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP. The article indicated that a previous election had been declared null and void by the National Office of the NAACP because so few people had voted in the election. It is noted that an editorial in this same publication stated that the new election was ordered

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because the branch officials had failed to properly notify the entire membership of the election meeting and because the Nominating Committee was elected unconstitutionally. This article stated that only fifty persons voted in the first election and 411 in the second election for a "record number of votes."

II. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE

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Youngstown

As set forth above, a pretext inquiry on April 22, 1957, established that NATHANIEL C. LEE was then the President of the Youngstown Chapter of the NAACP. [redacted]

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The December, 1950, issue of "Your Rights," a publication of OBRC, indicates in the masthead that the OBRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The pretext inquiry regarding NATHANIEL C. LEE as current President of the Youngstown, Ohio, NAACP Chapter was a telephone call to the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP by SA [redacted] b7C b7E

In setting forth the members and officers of the NAACP in this report, they were characterized as to their CP affiliation only when there was evidence of CP membership or substantial information indicating CP membership.

It is noted that many of the officers and members of this organization are civic leaders, professional men, ministers, politicians, labor leaders and people generally active in Negro affairs. The Cleveland files indicate that the CP has from time to time attempted to influence these people, to secure their support and in several instances supported these individuals in political campaigns. Some co-operated to a limited extent on issues such as cost of living conferences, peace mobilizations, political campaigns, etc., apparently because they were popular issues or because they thought it was to their personal advantage to do so. Several of these individuals, although co-operative at one time, were subsequently reported to be opposed to the CP or communism.

For example the files indicate that some of these persons have been on CP mailing lists, the names of some have appeared on CP petitions for public office; some participated to a limited extent in Progressive Party affairs; in 1944, two prominent Negroes participated in panel discussions on Negro History at the Ohio School for Social Science which has been cited by the Attorney General; several were active in the National Lawyers Guild in past years; one, CHARLES H. LOEB, a Republican candiate for United States Congressman in 1956, solicited and accepted CP support in his political campaign; some participated to a limited extent in the National Negro Congress; several attended public gatherings, such as the ones where ANITA LOUISE STRONG and PAUL ROBESON spoke; and

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a few were listed as subscribers to the "Daily Worker" in the early 1940's.

None of the persons in the above categories were ever identified as members of the CP, except for [redacted] In no instance was the CP or CP front activity of these individuals such as to warrant concluding that their membership in the NAACP constituted evidence of CP infiltration of that organization.

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The following sources were all contacted by SA [redacted]

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[redacted], set forth above, the following informants were contacted by SA [redacted] on the dates specified and they furnished negative information regarding [redacted]

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Cleveland

At Cleveland, Ohio

Will continue to follow and report any further indication of Communist infiltration into instant organization.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] 11-23-56 at Cleveland. b7C

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TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (MARYLAND - DELAWARE)		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	b7c

SYNOPSIS:

No additions or deletions to list of CP members who are also members of NAACP. CP leaders, Baltimore and Wilmington, Delaware instruct CP members to become active in the NAACP.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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I. IDENTITY OF COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE NAACP

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. Baltimore, Maryland

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B. Wilmington, Delaware

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[redacted] Their names have not been set out in this report because of dissemination to outside agencies and the possibility of jeopardizing these informants: b7D

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[redacted]. In addition, the files of this office do not reflect any additions or deletions.

Copies of this report are being furnished to local intelligence agencies because of their continuing interest in CP affairs.

One copy is sent to Philadelphia for information as that office covers District #3, CP, USA, which includes Wilmington, Delaware.

An information copy is sent to New York in view of the location of National Headquarters of the NAACP at New York City.

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LEADS:

THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

1) Will follow and report CP infiltration of the NAACP.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/5/56 at Baltimore.

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TITLE OF CASE (U) COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)		Report made by [redacted] b7C CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	Typed By [redacted]

Synopsis:

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DETAILS: This investigation was predicated upon information received that the Communist Party has instructed its members to join captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

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Approved [signature] Special Agent in Charge

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One copy designated for Memphis Office since HELEN PARSONS previously reported to be a state officer of NAACP.

LEADS

KNOXVILLE DIVISION

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will continue to report any information reflecting possible Communist infiltration in subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 1/22/57, b7C
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REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] b7C
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The Communist Party, USA (CP), and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. SEATTLE BRANCH

A. General Activities

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A general meeting of the Seattle Branch was scheduled to be held at the Eastside YMCA on the evening of April 22, 1957, at which time there was to be a panel discussion of a newly-enacted Washington State civil rights bill.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer", 4/22/57, page 16, column 4.

A rally on the evening of May 16, 1957, at the Eastside YWCA was scheduled under the sponsorship of the Seattle Branch. This rally was to be a prayer session in support of the nation-wide Prayer Pilgrimage convening at Washington, D. C., on May 17, 1957. A petition urging President EISENHOWER to support civil rights legislation and asking Washington State congressional delegates to vote for such legislation was to be circulated at this meeting.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer", 5/15/57, page 21, column 3.

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"Kennewick, Wash.--Chapters of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in the Northwest have joined with the youth in this tri-city area in the fight against the racial discrimination policies of the Kennewick Social Club.

"The matter became a hot public issue when club officials sought to impose its racial restrictions on the Hi-Teen Club's weekly public dances. Negro high school students were turned away and leaders of the Teenage Council promptly launched a petition campaign asking that racial discrimination be stopped.

"JAMES McIVER, Seattle attorney and chairman of the NAACP's Northwest Legal Redress Committee, has sent letters to interested parties saying that every Negro youth discriminated against has a 'cause of action' against the Social Club. He urged the club officials to work with the Tri-City NAACP and the Human relations Council to end all cause for complaint."

"People's World", 4/20/57,
page 14, column 1.

B. Officers

BENJAMIN F. McADOO, in connection with the meeting of the Seattle Branch planned for May 16, 1957, was identified as the chapter president.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post Intelligencer",
5/15/57, page 21, column 3.

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III. SPOKANE BRANCH

Officers of the Spokane Branch, elected about December, 1956, are the following:

President - JAMES M. SIMS
Vice-president - CARL JONES
Secretary - FERNE TODD
Treasurer - CARROLL E. CURTLEY
Chairman of executive board - J. W. STRONG

"People's World", Northwest Edition, 12/28/56, page 2, column 2.

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IV. PASCO BRANCH

The officers of the Pasco Branch, NAACP, installed on January 19, 1957, are as follows:

National Association
for Advancement
of Colored People
Wash.

President - ERNEST M. MAGEE
Vice-president - NAPOLEON WILSON
Secretary - Miss JEAN E. THOMAS
Treasurer - Miss EDNA M. DILLON

No information has been received by the Seattle Office, FBI, to indicate that any of the above identified officers has been affiliated with the CP or attached to the principles of that or any other subversive organization.

The new president, Mr. MAGEE, at the installation meeting on January 19, 1957, reported that the Pasco Branch had 54 members in good standing and a treasury of $91.41 as of January 1, 1957. Regular meetings of the branch are held at the Labor Hall, 1st Avenue and Clark Street, Pasco, on the second Saturday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

"Tri-City Herald"
(Kennewick, Wash.),
1/20/57

E. M. MAGEE on behalf of the Pasco Branch of the NAACP extended an invitation to "any Tri-City individuals or groups who wish to participate in or support a religious march on Washington, D.C. May 17". Up to about April 29, 1957, according to MAGEE, no one from the Tri-Cities had made plans actively to join the march.

"Tri-City Herald" (Kennewick,
Wash.), 4/29/57, page 3.

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VI. COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

Listed below are the names of present or former members of the CP or the SWP who are affiliated with the NAACP in the State of Washington or who have been noted in attendance at NAACP functions, their actual affiliation or non-affiliation in many cases being unknown. Included are individuals who are known in the past to have been CP members, but who are not known at this time either to be CP members or non-CP members. (u)

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One copy of this report is furnished to New York because that is the division in which national NAACP headquarters are located.

Contacts with various routine sources of information in the following communities has failed to indicate that branches of the NAACP are located there: Richland, Olympia, Bellingham, Aberdeen, Everett and Wenatchee, Washington. Information in earlier reports indicates the existence of branches in the following localities, but during the period covered by the current report, no additional data regarding these branches has been received: Bremerton, Tacoma, and Yakima, Washington.

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THE SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

Will report further pertinent information indicative of Cominfil NAACP.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/29/56
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TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

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SYNOPSIS:

NAACP barred from practicing law in Texas; encouraging, instigating or financing lawsuits in which it does not have a direct interest; soliciting or having others solicit lawsuits; engaging in political or lobbying activities in violation of state laws. [redacted] advised NAACP proceeding very slowly toward reactivation since restraining injunction issued.

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DETAILS:

The National Association for Advancement of Colored People is referred to hereinafter as NAACP.

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The Houston Post, daily newspaper, Houston, Texas, carried article on May 9, 1957, which read in part as follows regarding NAACP:

> "A state district court judge Wednesday placed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People under a permanent injunction which in effect strictly defined the terms under which the organization can operate in Texas.
>
> "The permanent injunction issued by District Judge OTIS T. DUNAGAN barred the NAACP from:
>
> "1. Practicing law in Texas.
> 2. Encouraging, instigating or financing lawsuits in which it does not have a direct interest.
> 3. Soliciting or having others solicit lawsuits.
> 4. Engaging in political or lobbying activities in violation of state laws.
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> "JUDGE DUNAGAN also ordered the NAACP chartered in New York to pay a franchise tax which the state alleged it owed because it was a foreign corporation. And he directed it to keep open its books for inspection by the attorney general's office or state auditor.
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> "He directed the NAACP to pay all accrued franchise taxes plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount due the state is determined, or forfeit its right to do business in Texas.
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> "Texas levies a franchise tax on all corporations doing business in the state according to their size and their gross yearly income.
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> "Assistant Atty Gen DAVIS GRANT said the NAACP had not filed any reports with the state since it was chartered and there was no way of estimating the tax until the NAACP filed its reports.
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> "In preliminary arguments the state had estimated the figure at a minimum of $900."

[redacted] stated that since the conclusion of the hearing in state court several weeks ago regarding the right of the NAACP to operate in Texas, and the resulting permanent injunction which put certain limitations on the organization, the NAACP has proceeded very slowly toward reactivation. [redacted] said apparently the membership of NAACP is waiting to see what is the public reaction to the limiting injunction.

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[redacted] has gained the impression that NAACP will take steps to regain confidence of the old membership through local preachers and churches wherever possible. [redacted] mentioned that even in bygone years the active membership of NAACP would have only constituted about 3% of the total membership. [redacted] felt this 3% would endeavor to formulate a program wherein membership in the organization would appear attractive to the old inactive members. [redacted] expressed the opinion that active solicitation of new members would not take place in the near future.

[redacted] indicated that as result of the great amount of publicity given the hearihgs pertaining to the status of NAACP in Texas, it was not likely that NAACP leaders would be inclined to permit incidents to occur whereby the NAACP may be associated in the minds of the public as well as the membership with such organizations as the Communist Party in Texas.

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[redacted] is [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted].

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/56 at Houston.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Supreme Court of United States on 5/27/57 granted a review of $100,000 fine for contempt of Alabama Circuit Court. Informants advise that no Communist Party members at Montgomery, Ala. are known to be NAACP members[redacted] b2

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LEGAL STATUS OF NAACP IN ALABAMA

The Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, in its May 28, 1957 issue, on page one, carried an article captioned "NAACP Wins Court Review". This article relates that the Supreme Court of the United States on May 27, 1957 granted a review of the $100,000.00 fine for contempt of court, levied by Alabama Circuit Judge WALTER B. JONES when the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) refused to produce in court a list of its members in Alabama. This article details that Alabama Attorney General JOHN PATTERSON had requested this list for use in a hearing on a temporary

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injunction which Judge JONES had granted on June 1, 1956 at PATTERSON's request, which banned NAACP activities in Alabama. This article also relates that the injunction banning NAACP activities in Alabama is still in effect, and that the NAACP cannot take steps to have the injunction lifted until the contempt finding and the fine are "cleared away".

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter described in this report and rerep, when decision is announced.

MOBILE OFFICE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Will follow and report pertinent data re status of NAACP in Alabama, and Communist infiltration of NAACP within Mobile Division area.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] 12/20/56, at Birmingham. b7C

Bureau letter to Mobile, 4/29/57.

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TYPED BY: [redacted]

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It is noted the CP has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE IN AND/OR ARE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE NAACP

San Diego County

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[redacted] A Special Agent of the FBI has observed that [redacted] and [redacted] Attorneys, have a law office in Room 216, San Diego Hotel, San Diego, California.

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The National Lawyers Guild has been described by **LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ, former CP National Committee member**, as having formed in New York City on December 1, 1936, as the "legal arm" and "working ally" of the CP.

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[redacted] advised that the Chairman of the Palm Springs Chapter of the NAACP is LAWRENCE V. CHATMAN.

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The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

Orange County

The "Santa Ana Register", a daily newspaper, on April 10, 1957, carried an article reflecting the election of officers on April 9, 1957, for the coming year. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised there were approximately

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150 members in the Imperial Valley Chapter of the NAACP. This Chapter has two committees, an Investigative Committee and a Legal Redress Committee. The Investigative Committee investigates complaints and the Legal Redress Committee handles any subsequent action. [redacted]

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COMMUNITY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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[redacted], that the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) of San Diego County, California, was formed as the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice and was affiliated with the First Unitarian Church in San Diego, California, during the year 1952. It withdrew from the First Unitarian Church in December, 1952, because of policy disputes with the church and changed its name to Community Unitarian Fellowship.

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[redacted], advised that as of that date, speeches and debates following the CP line were sponsored by the CUF and that officers were former Independent Progressive Party (IPP) members and CP sympathizers.

[redacted] advised that as of that date, the CUF continued to sponsor speeches following the CP line.

The Independent Progressive Party (IPP) was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 Report as "Among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination".

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ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (OCCFEO)

The Santa Ana Regiater, a daily publication at Santa Ana, California on June 11, 1956, reported a meeting was held at 10953 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, with residents of various towns in Orange County, California present. The article quoted the following statement of purpose: "The OCCFEO has as its purpose to discuss and act constructively upon problems of discrimination and prejudice against Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese-Americans and other minority peoples of Orange County in the spirit of good will and fair play."

[redacted] many of the leaders and active members of the OCCFEO are Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers and the Communist Party of Orange County has supported the activities of the OCCFEO. However, participation in the affairs of the OCCFEO does not of itself connote Communist Party membership or sympathy. Source further advised that as of this time, the organization is still seeking housing for members of the minority races.

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TITLE OF CASE

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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(DALLAS DIVISION)

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SYNOPSIS:

A permanent injunction was issued against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) by a State District Court, Tyler, Texas, on 5/8/57. This injunction did not outlaw the NAACP, but enjoined this organization from the practice of law, engaging in political activities, lobbying, soliciting law suitsand hiring litigants to maintain and prosecute law suits. The NAACP was ordered to pay all accrued frachise taxes, plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount due the state is determined.

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DETAILS:

The "Dallas Star Post," a Negro newspaper published in Dallas, Texas, in the issue of May 9, 1957, reflected that on September 20, 1956, JOHN BEN SHEPPERD, Texas Attorney General, filed a suit against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 7th Judicial District Court at Tyler, Texas, to prohibit the NAACP from further engaging in its legal business affairs in Texas. Acting upon these claims this newspaper stated, the former Attorney General, JOHN BEN SHEPPERD,

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claimed that the NAACP had violated the laws of this state, whereupon Judge OTIS DUNAGAN issued a temporary restraining order against the NAACP, and later enlarged the restraining order into a temporary injunction. The effect of this was to tie up the affairs of the NAACP in the state, and close all of its branch offices for an indefinite period. The ultimate purpose of the suit was to drive the NAACP out of the state for good, this paper indicated.

The paper continued that in the original suit, the state asked among other things, that the court issue a declaratory judgment in which it would properly interpret the laws of Texas with respect to the NAACP and its rights to continue to carry on its business in the state. It was the request by the state that gave rise to the permanent injunction issued by the court.

The paper continued that in its injunction, the court directed the NAACP to refrain from the following:

1. Engaging in the practice of law
2. That it may not for its own benefit or with the intent to distress or harass the defendant, willfully institute or encourage the bringing of law suits in violation of the laws of the state
3. That the NAACP may not solicit law suits for filing and it may not solicit persons to file law suits in Texas
4. That it may not hire or pay anyone to file a law suit in Texas
5. That it may not engage in political activities in the state contrary to the laws of the state, and
6. It may not engage in lobbying activities contrary to the laws of the state.

This newspaper stated that no corporation, either the NAACP or any other corporation may lawfully engage in the practice of law in Texas. It further stated that no corporation may lawfully do any of these things listed above and from which the NAACP is restrained from doing; therefore, the newspaper continued, all the NAACP has been enjoined from doing are things which it may not do lawfully anyway. So, the NAACP has lost no right as a corporation that it had before the suit was filed. These things were unlawful before the suit was filed, and they are unlawful now. The NAACP contends that it has never engaged in these activities in the past, and that it will not engage in them in the future, this paper stated. The paper concluded, therefore, that the NAACP had lost nothing in this suit.

Attorneys W. J. DURHAM and C. B. BUNKLEY, JR., who represented the NAACP in this suit, were quoted by the paper as having said that they could see no justifiable reason for an appeal from the ruling of the Tyler court because nothing had been lost by the decree. The NAACP is back in business, these attorneys were quoted as saying, and it is permitted to do all that it has ever done in the past. If the NAACP has engaged in any of the prohibited activities, it was wrong in doing so, this paper stated, but the long history of the NAACP supports the contention that the NAACP always operated within the framework of the law. If this be so, the newpaper reflected, "and it appears that it is so, then the NAACP has lost nothing as a result of the suit." The court held as a matter of law that the NAACP is a non-profit making organization and that as such, it is not permitted by law to have a permit to do business in the state. This is a direct rejection of the state's contention that the NAACP is a profit-making organization and was, therefore, subject to strict corporate control by the state, this newspaper said.

The "Dallas Morning News," Dallas, Texas, dated May 9, 1957, reflected that District Judge DUNAGAN on May 8, 1957, had issued a permanent injunction order against the NAACP in Texas, and all of its affiliated organizations. The order does not mean that the NAACP is completely outlawed, this article stated; however, it points out that the defendant organizations have no lawful rights under the laws of Texas, and are permanently enjoined from:

1. Engaging in the practice of law or financing a suit in which they have no direct interest.
2. Engaging in political activities or in lobbying activities contrary to the state laws.
3. Soliciting law suits, either directly or indirectly.
4. Hiring or paying any litigants to present, maintain or prosecute a law suit.

Judge DUNAGAN held that the Texas State Conference of Branches and the Southwest Regional Conference of the NAACP and the 111 individual branches named in the suit are integral parts of the parent organization, and subject to its direction and control.

The order also held that the NAACP which has done business in Texas since 1915, according to this newspaper, is a non-profit making organization, and as such, is not required to obtain a state permit but "under the law is required to file franchise tax reports or returns and to pay franchise taxes for the privilege of operating as a corporation." The NAACP was ordered to pay all accrued franchise taxes plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount

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due the state is determined. Failure to comply will mean the forfeiture of the right to do business in Texas. There is the further stipulation that all NAACP branches permit an examination of their books, records and accounts upon written request from the Attorney General's office. The court decreed that the NAACP's Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., one of the defendants, is now completely divorced from the parent organization, but subject to the same restrictions. The NAACP, according to this newspaper, promptly filed notice of appeal when this court order was handed down. All activities of the NAACP were halted last fall by a temporary injunction and the trial just ended was, according to the newspaper, to determine whether the injunction was to be made permanent. The court made it clear that the NAACP could continue to function in Texas as long as it complies with the laws of Texas and the terms of this injunction.

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Two copies of this report are being furnished the New York Office inasmuch as that office covers the headquarters of the NAACP.

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At Dallas, Texas

Will report the activity within the NAACP in the Dallas Division.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 4/12/57, Dallas.
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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on information received that Communist Party (CP) members have infiltrated the captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

For the purpose of brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

National Convention of the NAACP held at Detroit, Mich. 6/25-30/57. Convention proceedings briefly summarized. Anti-Communist resolution reaffirmed by NAACP. No evidence that CP attempted to influence or direct the activities of the convention. Some CP members attended convention as delegates and observers. CP press also afforded convention press coverage.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan

This report covers the 1957 National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held in Detroit, Michigan, on June 25-30, 1957. The investigation reported herein was directed solely toward the establishing of the extent and results of the efforts by the Communist Party (CP) to influence and direct the activities of this convention. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not interested in investigating the legitimate activities of the NAACP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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48th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NAACP
Detroit, Michigan
June 25 - 30, 1957

I. BRIEF SUMMARIZATION OF CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

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June 25th Session

An article appearing on page 6, column one, of the June 25, 1957, 5 Star Final of the "Detroit News," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, captioned "NAACP Hits Congress as Laggard" states that ROY WILKINS, NAACP Executive Secretary, claimed that Congress is the chief laggard in the fight for civil rights, at the opening of the formal sessions of the NAACP Convention in the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit on 6/25/57. WILKINS is also reported in the article as stating that the CP has "failed again and again" to win support of the Negroes. The article continues quoting WILKINS "'The Negro American has no sympathy for Communism whatsoever. No more than 2,000 Negroes ever were claimed by the Communists themselves. When you have some 16,000,000 Negroes in America, badgered and harrassed as they are, it is a miracle that more have not turned to Communism." WILKINS is also quoted in the above article as stating that of the NAACP's 350,000 members, "'There may be some fellow travelers and sympathizers, but no known Communists in the organization.'"

This article stated that the June 25, 1957, sessions were devoted largely to routine organizational matters.

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June 26th Session

An article appears on page 34, column one of the June 27, 1957, Red Line Edition of the "Detroit Times," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, captioned "Reuther Lashes Civil Rights Lag in Congress." The article states that a mass meeting of approximately 2,500 persons on June 26, 1957, at the NAACP Convention, heard WALTER REUTHER, President of the UAW, and JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR., National Chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action. In his speech, Mr. REUTHER is reported to have criticized Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi for consistently blocking civil rights legislation. REUTHER is quoted as stating "'EASTLAND doesn't know anything about Communists. We (the UAW, ADA, and NAACP) do more in one week to combat Communism than these people do in a lifetime."

The above article mentions that JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR. of Americans for Democratic Action who preceded Mr. REUTHER on the stand outlined a 4-point program to supplement the NAACP's legal fight for survival in the south and called on the President, the Vice-President, the Justice Department, and all national organizations believing in civil rights, for support.

June 27th Session

The Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, on June 28, 1957, page 3, column 8, carried an article entitled "NAACP Criticizes Banks for Home-Loan Squeeze." The article states that 2 major questions - housing and the Senate filibuster - occupied the 4th session of the NAACP Convention on Thursday, June 27, 1957. The question of housing was stimulated by a report from MADISON JONES, Special Assistant for housing for the NAACP. The question of the filibuster arose upon receipt of a telegram from Senator CHARLES POTTER of Michigan, advising the convention that he was urging the Senate to change Rule 22 before the Civil Rights Bill is taken up on the floor. ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, is reported in this article t[illegible]

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that the change in the Senate rules to prevent filibuster is one of the Convention's major aims.

June 28th Session

The Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press" on June 29, 1957, page 3, column 3, in an article entitled "NAACP Honors Boycott Leader" states that 3,000 people filled the Ford Auditorium at 7:45 p.m. on Friday night, June 28, 1957, to see the NAACP honor Reverend Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING of Montgomery, Alabama, with the coveted Spingarn Medal. The article states that this medal was presented to Reverend KING by the Right Reverend RICHARD S. EMRICH, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. This medal was presented to Reverend KING for his leadership in the desegregation fight in Montgomery, Alabama.

The above article also reported that Representative CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. spoke at this meeting and paid tribute to Vice-President NIXON for fostering friendship for America during his recent trip through Africa and for his fight to bring the Civil Rights Bill to the floor of the Senate.

June 29, 1957 Session

The June 30, 1957, edition of the "Detroit Free Press", section A, page 2, columns one and two, carried an article captioned "NAACP to Fight Civil Rights Foes," which stated that the adoption of a strong program for political action, particularly with regard to civil rights legislation, highlighted the final business session of the NAACP Convention on Saturday, June 29. The article continued that the major portion of the final session was devoted to passage of resolutions. The political action resolution was stated to have received unanimous approval.

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The above article continues, "A dramatic moment occurred when Dr. H. CLAUDE HUDSON, reading the convention's resolution against Communism, collapsed and had to be led from the auditorium in the Veterans Memorial Building." The resolution Dr. HUDSON was reading hit at the CP's new line of infiltration into non-Communist organizations.

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June 30th Session

The July 1, 1957, Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press," page 3, column 7, carried an article captioned "Laws Alone Not Enough, NAACP Told." This article reports that 3 men, THURGOOD MARSHALL, JACKIE ROBINSON, and ROY WILKINS, addressed the nearly 15,000 persons attending the final session of the NAACP Convention on Sunday, June 30, at the Olympia in Detroit.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, in his address, touched on the school desegregation problem and on restrictive covenants in housing. ROY WILKINS was reported as asking for "White House" assistance in the present "desegregation crisis."

JACKIE ROBINSON, described as the first Negro to penetrate the color bar in major league baseball, pleaded for greater financial support to the NAACP.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE CONVENTION

A. Communist Party Participation in Convention

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C. Communist Party Press Coverage

An editorial appeared on page 5, column 1, of the July 3, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker." This editorial was captioned "The NAACP Convention" and stated in part that the 48th Annual Convention of the NAACP, which closed last weekend at Detroit, undoubtedly registered a high water mark in the fight for civil rights [illegible] for the expansion of democracy.

Other articles under the byline of ABNER BERRY appeared on page 1, column 2, of the June 27, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker"; on page 1, column 1, and on page 2, column 2, of the July 1, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker"; and on page 5, column 3, of the July 2, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker."

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SYNOPSIS: National Headquarters for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) continues to be located at 20 West 40th Street, NYC. The NAACP National Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, June 25-30, 1957. No information was received indicating any CP influence at the convention. NAACP membership increased in 1956 from 305,589 to 350,424. At the end of the year 1956, the NAACP had 1,467 branches in 44 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

The following organizations utilized in this report have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)
Labor Youth League (LYL)
Socialist Workers Party (SWP)
Communist Party, USA (CP,USA)
Communist Political Association (CPA)
Independent Socialist League (ISL)
American Youth for Democracy (AYD)
Young Communist League (YCL)
Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The following organization which was utilized in this report and which has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 is characterized in the attached appendix section:

Young Socialist League (YSL)

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NATIONAL SECTION

Address

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the address for the NAACP continues to be 20 West 40th Street, New York City. (U)

NAACP National Convention

The NAACP National Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, June 25-30, 1957. According to the "New York Times," a daily New York newspaper, issue of June 24, 1957, page 23, this convention would bring approximately 1,000 delegates from all over the country. The article reflected that the NAACP membership increased in 1956 from 305,589 to 350,424. At the end of the year the NAACP had 1,467 branches in 44 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia. (U)

Regarding the recently concluded NAACP Convention, no information was received which indicates that the CP was effective in infiltrating this convention. (U)

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STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the CP,USA and SWP to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories. (U)

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division. There are no known Communists in the Birmingham area who are members of the NAACP. (U)

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At Mobile, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division. There are no known Communists in the Mobile Division who are members of the NAACP.

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported.

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona.

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No additional information has been reported which would indicate that CP members have infiltrated any branches of the NAACP in Arkansas.

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DELAWARE

At Baltimore, Maryland

No additional information has been received to reflect any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

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FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No additional information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration into the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Georgia.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Information has been reported that the NAACP is non-existent in the territory of Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts of the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

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ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS ACTIVE IN OR MEMBERS OF NAACP

No additional information has been received from the Chicago Division reflecting any additions or deletions of individuals with CP membership who are also members or active in the NAACP. (U)

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INDIANA

At Indianapolis, Indiana

No additional information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Indiana. u

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At Omaha, Nebraska

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KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas. u

KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration or control of the NAACP in the state of Kentucky. u

LOUISIANA

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No additional information has been received indicating any infiltration of the NAACP in Louisiana. u

MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine. u

MARYLAND

At Baltimore, Maryland

PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS ACTIVE IN AND WHO ARE PRESENT MEMBERS IN THE NAACP

No additional information has been received regarding CP members who are active in and/or who are present members of the NAACP in Maryland. u

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi. (u)

At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been reported that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division. (u)

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division. (u)

At St. Louis, Missouri

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MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported.

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NEBRASKA

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At Omaha, Nebraska

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NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in Nevada. (u)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire. (u)

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NORTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in North Dakota.

OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No additional information has been received which indicates that the CP has infiltrated or dominates NAACP chapters within the Cincinnati Division.

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OKLAHOMA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Oklahoma has been received.

OREGON

At Portland, Oregon

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SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated the NAACP in South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in South Dakota.

TENNESSEE

At Memphis, Tennessee

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CP has infiltrated or dominates the NAACP branches located in the Memphis Division.

At Knoxville, Tennessee

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The January 17, 1957, issue of the "Syracuse Herald Journal", a daily newspaper published in Syracuse, N.Y., reflected that the following persons were elected officers of the NAACP at Syracuse, N.Y., on January 16, 1957:

President: MERLIN H. HARPER
Vice president: SANDY PERRY, Jr
Treasurer: SARAH MC CLEOD
Secretary: ROSIE WASHINGTON
Executive Board: Rev. RAYMOND S. MITCHELL
ROBERT JANKS
SANDY PERRY, Sr.
Mrs. JAMES FOY, Jr.
Mrs. ROBERT MC KEE
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TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - NEWARK DIVISION		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

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SYNOPSIS:

[redacted] that there were between 27 and 35 chapters of the NAACP in New Jersey, and that he would estimate there are between 5,000 and 6,000 NAACP members in the state. Individuals described by informants as CP members, and who are members of various NAACP chapters in New Jersey, set forth. [redacted] (c)

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information received that members of the COMMUNIST PARTY have infiltrated the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE will be referred to in this report as the NAACP.

The COMMUNIST PARTY will be referred to in this report as the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. NAACP CHAPTERS AND MEMBERSHIP IN NEW JERSEY

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II. PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE IN AND/OR ARE PRESENT MEMBERS OF NAACP CHAPTERS IN NEW JERSEY

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TITLE OF CASE

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - BOSTON DIVISION

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SYNOPSIS:

Headquarters, Boston Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), moved August, 1957 [redacted] to 451 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

At Boston, Massachusetts

I. HEADQUARTERS LOCATION

The "Boston Chronicle", a weekly newspaper published at Boston, Massachusetts, in its edition of August 3, 1957, stated that the Boston Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) had moved to a new location, at 451 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE BOSTON BRANCH, NAACP

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DETAILS: PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE IN AND/OR ARE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE NAACP.

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The ISL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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BAKERSFIELD BRANCH, NAACP

No members of the CP are known to be members of the Bakersfield Branch, NAACP.

BARSTOW BRANCH, NAACP

No members of the CP are known to be members of the Barstow Branch, NAACP.

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CHINA LAKE BRANCH (INDIAN WELLS BRANCH), NAACP

No members of the CP are known to be members of the China Lake Branch, NAACP.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO BRANCH, NAACP

No members of the CP are known to be members of the San Luis Obispo Branch, NAACP.

SAN PEDRO - WILMINGTON BRANCH, NAACP

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